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Light Stuff

Those January BLUES

By Jeanne Hofmann

Advertiser News Feature Writer

We all get the blues every now and then. But in January, they reach epidemic proportions.

There is so much to worry about after Christmas; bills fill the mailbox on a daily basis. In addition to the gifts we charged everywhere, there is auto insurance, income tax, and the inevitable expenses that come when we can least afford them.

Car batteries die. Root canals and pyorrhea cry out for immediate attention. Water pipes freeze and burst. The dog gets exema. The cat gets pregnant - before we've even found homes for her previous batch of kittens...

Times To Try Our Souls

Indeed, these are the times that try our souls. Wouldn't it be grand on one of these cold, grey mornings to burrow under the blankets, hibernate for a couple of months, and totally escape reality?

We can't do that. (The dog would keep waking us up, with his scratching, even if we tried).

So, how are we going to cope with the dismal feelings that assail us this winter? We could try to follow the example of the **optimists**.

Optimist Profile:

You know who they are. They're the ones who are still smiling at the end of an exhausting day.

You see them in the drug store at the Megabucks counter. They are never buying Vicks or Dristan, because they don't get colds like the rest of us. They always have high hopes, instead of nasal drip.

Most of them go to the car wash right after a snowstorm, confident that no blizzards will reoccur right away.

And if all the locks on their car doors freeze-up as a result, they cheerfully call someone with a dirty car to get a ride to the office. They even sing along with the radio all the way to work.

How They Cope:

Optimists would be pretty hard to take if they didn't keep coming up with some ingenious ways of coping with the blues.

Just to keep them from singing in the morning, we pessimists have been asking them lots of questions about that subject. Here's what they say...

When money runs out, the ones who like to cook find a little grocery store that takes Master Charge, and buy everything they need to make a wonderful feast.

Those who are less domestically inclined use the same credit to go out to eat someplace they couldn't afford even when times were flush.

The tidy ones clean their houses from top to bottom, - often going to the extreme of folding socks and dish towels.

Others let the dust gather on everything while they sit around reading, watching soaps and re-runs of "The Dating Game."

The avid gardeners subscribe to all the seed catalogs. They are busy right now fantasizing over how juicy their strawberries will be in June - how gorgeous their gladioli will be in July.

The non-gardeners are curling up in their easy chairs, being happy they don't have to mow their lawn or pull weeds for a long time to come.

Party-loving optimists are busy thinking up games for Valentine and Easter festivities. The party-avoiders are still being grateful that New Year's Eve is over for another year.

Message Is Clear

Their message is clear: **POSITIVE** thinking is the key to getting through negative times.

SEE JANUARY BLUES - Page 2...

Where Are All The Skiers When I Need Help?



ALTHOUGH SKIERS REJOICE EACH and every time we receive a substantial snowfall, such as the one currently coming down at presstime, Dee Berkey of 37 Holland Drive would rather be swimming than shoveling snow.. Dee is the coach of the Agawam High School girls' varsity swim team and the big storm kept her busy during the morning hours. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Council Okays Even Tax Rate

By Stuart Parker

Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council voted unanimously to maintain an even-tax rate between residential and business property, bucking the trend of neighboring communities for the second year.

Attracting more business and industry to Agawam was cited as the main reason for support of the even-tax rate system.

Other Cities & Town Go Other Road

While the total tax levy would not change with a split, many Massachusetts cities and towns have chosen to have business pay a higher rate of tax on assessed valuation over residential property owners.

Agawam councilors, however, noting that Agawam's \$455 million valuation is based on 82 percent residential property and only 18 percent business property, feel a shift would serve as a deterrent to business growth here.

Councilor Mario DeLucchi said that while he favored the principal of a split tax rate, he couldn't support a homeowner saving 25 cents on his tax rate at a cost of over \$1 to business owners.

"We're talking about saving one group pennies and charging another group dollars," he commented.

Other councilors concurred, noting that Agawam last year attracted business with the even tax rate.

Expressed Hope

They expressed hope that the even rate would have a positive impact on the industrial tract at Bowles Field.

The rate is expected to yield \$11,400,000 in tax levies on an anticipated \$25 per thousand assessment.

Town Manager Edward A. Caba strongly supported the even-tax rate as did the membership of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

SEE EVEN RATE - Page 2...

New Computer Sought For Schools, Town Hall

By Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Agawam Town Council and School Committee are scheduled to meet in joint session on Monday, January 30th to discuss the purchase of a \$317,700 computer.

Subcommittee Says Buy It

The computer package of hardware and software from MASBO Corporation has been unanimously recommended by the Data Processing Committee to replace the existing Honeywell system.

Anticipated annual savings after the purchase would be \$64,000, officials said.

School Business Manager James Coon, chairman of the Data Processing Committee; Town Treasurer David Gallano, and committee member Fred Messier appeared before the School Committee last week to list the advantages the new system would bring to the town.

High among priorities expressed were the classroom capabilities offered by MASBO, including digital hardware.

This would allow sixteen students to use the computer simultaneously while the town's present system allows only one student at a time to use the computer.

Coon said the present system has resulted in a less active computer class, with students receiving less experience than students in school systems with more advanced computer systems.

Conn also said the present computer is not found in the business community, another handicap to Agawam students.

In addition to serving students, the new system would maintain attendance records, curriculum schedules, grades, report cards, as well as serving town hall by maintaining the payroll, water and sewer bills, and accounting procedures.

Out-Lived Its Use

Gallano said the present system has out-lived its use. "Right now our computer has reached its capacity. It is highly unlikely the town will ever surpass the capacity of the proposed, new system," he added.

For the initial \$317,700 purchase, the special subcommittee recommended that the town appropriate \$273,000 from the stabilization fund, with \$44,700 coming from the school budget.

The committee recommended an even split in maintenance costs between town hall and the school department of \$43,663 each.

While plans for the new computer have received verbal support from the School Committee, Town Council approval is required for the project to receive town funding.

EVEN TAX RATE - From Page 1...

Caba said his office remains in close contact with the Western Mass. Development Corporation, the group responsible for developing the 320-acre industrial park at Bowles Field.

He said with the even tax rate, the town will be much more competitive and attractive for perspective businesses who may wish to locate in the park.

Registry of Deeds

Total documents for the week ending January 6, 1984

REGISTRY	LAND REGISTRATION
Deeds - 97	Deeds - 7
Mortgages - 122	Mortgages - 8
Discharges - 152	Discharges - 7
Attachments - 6	Attachments - 0
Foreclosure Deeds - 4	Foreclosure Deeds - 0
Miscellaneous - 328	Miscellaneous - 11
Total - 709	Total - 33

Submitted by: Donald E. Ashe, Register of Deeds

Accountant Sworn-In



TOWN CLERK RICHARD THEROUX (right) gives the oath of office to Town Accountant Carol Taylor. Miss Taylor was recently re-appointed to her position by Town Council. Looking on is Town Council President Donald M. Rheault. Advertiser News photo by John Loftus.

January Blues: From Page 1...

It Doesn't Always Work:

It's not so easy for some of us. A person has to be conditioned to confidence, and sometimes the experiment can backfire...

Recently, a friend with the blues decided to follow the example of her most admired optimist who always seems to be in control of things: - the family cat.

She found a big patch of sunshine on the living room rug, stretched out on it, and practiced purring. She was just getting into the mood of it all when she noticed her children observing the exercise.

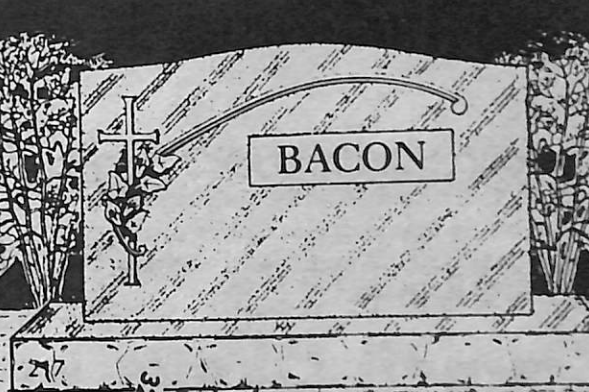
She has been dealing with their fears for her sanity, ever since! One does take risks when one deviates from the norm...

Last Resort:

Now the pessimists get to have their say. These are the people who cough, instead of sing on winter mornings, and who are already anticipating worms in their broccoli by August.

They tell us there is one thing we can do if none of the optimists' cures chase away our January blues. Phone a perennially cheerful acquaintance and ask how things are going.

Listen to his or her upbeat news for a few minutes. When you hang up, go to your chair in the corner, and spend sixty terribly wonderful seconds being glad that you don't have to be happy **all the time!**



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Sheriff Ashe Proud Of Diploma Program

Hampden County Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. announced today that 98 inmates at the County Jail and House of Correction earned high school diplomas through the institution's G.E.D. Preparation Program during 1983.

"This total is the highest number of graduates that we have had in one year since the program began in 1976," Ashe said. "We have had over 500 high school graduates during this period of time."

The program prepares participants for the General Educational Development (G.E.D.) tests which are administered by the O.W.L. (Onward with Learning) Adult Learning Center staff at the jail every six weeks. A passing score on the G.E.D. test qualifies the participant for a high school equivalency diploma which is issued by the State Department of Education.

The program curriculum is individualized and competency-based, focusing on the areas of language arts and mathematics. Seventy students daily attend classes which are held in two hour blocks of time in the jail's educational center.

"I am particularly proud of the efforts of our educational staff who have provided a quality, structured program for several years for our inmates," Ashe replied. "It is their dedication and commitment that makes our program so successful."

Ashe added that over 2,500 inmates have taken part in the G.E.D. program and other programs in the jail since 1976. Other educational programs include adult basic education, special education, English as a Second Language, pre-employment training, and a comprehensive vocational training. A unique feature of the jail's program is that an individual can participate in one program or several programs depending upon interest and need.

"Over eighty percent of our inmate population comes to jail without a marketable skill or a high school diploma. Our programs are practical responses to the problems that have plagued the correctional field for years," Ashe said. "Offering individuals a chance to learn a skill, complete an educational goal, and get a job upon their release from jail gives them a stake in our system. It offers them a **choice** and **hope** that they can change their lives for the better upon their return to the community."



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MUNICIPAL EVENTS

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Thursday, January 19th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, January 24th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School Cafeteria
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, January 26th
Conservation Commission
Public Library
7:00 P.M.

Monday, January 30th
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Catholic Women's Club Holds Pot Luck Meal



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB member Lillian Doyle receives a pin of recognition for her dedicated service to the club by Father Philip Gallerani at Monday's pot luck supper. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THE MONDAY, JANUARY 16th pot luck supper, sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of St. John's Church are, from left - Lillian Doyle, Father Karl Huller, pastor; Jo Geogowski, and Sister Jean Cyr. The well-attended meal featured many specialties cooked by the club's membership. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Melconian Proposes Senate Rules Changes

Second Hampden-Hampshire District State Senator Linda J. Melconian today proposed a series of rules changes for the Massachusetts State Senate aimed at making that legislative body "more accountable to the public and the residents of Western Mass."

Create Executive Committee

The Springfield Democrat, who represents Agawam, called for the creation of an executive committee which would screen and review appointments of chairmen and committee members made by the senate president.

Among the members of the committee, Melconian proposed that a representative from Western Mass. be a sitting member in addition to member senators representing the four other regions of the state (Greater Boston, Northeast, Southeast, and Central Mass.).

Others on the 11-member executive committee would include the Senate majority leader, majority whip, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, chairman of the Committee on Third Reading, a freshman senator, as well as the senate president.

Melconian said she will submit the recommendations later this week to Senator Patrick McGovern (D-Lawrence), chairman of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Rules Reform.

Senator Melconian said, "We in Western Mass. have not had a say about who represents our interests on legislative committees and in the selection of chairmen of those committees."

Regional Interests Ignored

"Implementation of this recommendation will insure that a representative of Western Mass. has an active role in the vitally important process of selecting committee chairmen and committee members. The interests of our region have been ignored in this process for too long."

Senator Melconian also said, "While I believe the senate president is entitled to choose the player he wants on his legislative team, the process should not give exclusive and arbitrary power to the president. My proposal will insure that Western Mass. and all regions of the Commonwealth have a role to play in this process and that a system of checks and balances is maintained."

Senator Melconian pointed to her role as a former aide to U.S. House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr., during Congress' 1975 post-Watergate rules reforms as giving her experience in this area.

"These suggested changes are reasonable and have been used at the federal level. The intent of these reforms are to make the Massachusetts Senate a more effective body and allow for great input by Western Massachusetts. The Senate should be involved in a rules reform process each term," she said.

In addition, Senator Melconian called for passage of a carry-over provision which would allow bills not yet acted on during the legislative year to be considered in the next session of the Senate.

This includes submission, in print, of bills, reports or committee appropriations, to the member and general public no later than 24 hours before the items are considered on the Senate floor; availability, to the members and public, of all amendments to bills in printed form; adoption of rules by each committee regarding public hearings, oral and written testimony, executive sessions, record of votes, notice of meetings and reporting of bills; and, the holding of regularly monthly partisan caucuses on any subject when the Senate is in session.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1984 at 8:30 P.M.** o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of **WORTHY MILL ASSO. INC.** who is seeking an amendment to Special Permit 1039 to allow the resetting of proposed apartment buildings on the premises identified as 1 - 7 WALNUT STREET. Plans are on file in the Board of Appeals Office.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulski
Chairman

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LEGAL SIDE

By Thomas Locke
Agawam Attorney

Major changes have taken place in the legal process of divorce, especially as to the division of marital property and assets. No-fault divorce has transferred at-

tention from issues of fault and responsibility to financial issues.

There is much debate on whether professional education degrees, licenses and pensions can be classified as marital property. At the time of marriage breakdown, the major question appears to be "Who gets what and how much?"

Throughout the United States the courts are struggling with the question of whether or not a spouse's contribution to the other spouse's education are subject to

equitable distribution upon divorce.

A common situation is where husband or wife is the primary breadwinner so that the other spouse can obtain a professional education. Often times the marriage will dissolve before the fruits of the education are realized.

Another situation is where the husband or wife has deferred their educational goals for the other spouse and there are few, if any, marital assets to divide.

Various Reasons Cited

There are various reasons that courts have allowed a contributing spouse to recover against another spouse.

1. Spouse is entitled to equal treatment and a break. (New York case).
2. Spouse entitled to a "portion of the economic fruits" of the marriage. (New York case).
3. Degree and license constitutes a property right subject to equitable distribution. (Oklahoma case).
4. Spouse should receive "rehabilitative alimony" where furtherance of own education is foregone. (New Jersey case).
5. "Only fair" that spouse be compensated for costs. (Wisconsin case).
6. One's need or non-asset marriages should not be sole factors in determination. (Wisconsin case).
7. Spouse who is "handicapped socially or economically" by contribution to the marriage should be compensated. (Wisconsin case).

A Massachusetts Court awarded a large sum of money to an ex-wife who had worked and "put her husband through medical school" in a division of the value of the husband's medical degree and practice as marital property. At the writing of this article, the case was waiting to be heard on appeal.

Trend Developing

The trend appears to be that the courts, in an attempt to reach a reasonable balance, are taking into account one spouse's contribution, whether by earnings, gifts and privation, to the other's professional education.

Generally, there are several concepts used by the courts in deciding whether a spouse should share in the benefits of the other's professional education and its potential earning capacity. To compensate a complaining spouse, a court may rely on the concept of property rights, rehabilitative alimony, support and maintenance, or educational investment.

Even conceding a court may rely on such concepts, a more important, controversial, and certainly more debatable, question is "Can a reasonable value be placed upon spousal contributions, be they economic or non-economic, and in what amount?"

The foregoing information is provided only to familiarize readers with general concepts and does not constitute legal advice. Professional advice is recommended for answers to personal and individual questions, situations or circumstances. Readers are welcome to contact Attorney Locke with their questions, ideas and comments at: LOCKE & JACKS, P.O. BOX 88, Agawam, MA 01001, telephone 737-1112.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
HAMPDEN, Division ADMINISTRATION Docket No.
Estate of MINNIE BARDEN
late of Agawam,
in the County of Hampden, deceased.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that AUDREY PHILLIPS, of said Agawam, or some other suitable person, be appointed administratrix of said estate.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on February 14, 1984.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

John P. O'Brien
Register of Probate
Published: January 19, 1984

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FROM THE PULPIT

By Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

Disrupting Sunday Service

The following statement on public hindrances to and disruptions of Sunday worship services was approved unanimously and vigorously by the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. It is hoped that Christians of all denominations will support the theme of this statement, and will notify local officials, organizational leaders, and others to protest the scheduling of public activities on Sunday mornings before noon. Please feel free to mail this article to responsible individuals.

Increasingly, we are receiving troubled reports from local congregations of our member-denominations concerning public activities on Sunday mornings which hinder or disrupt worship services in these churches. Throughout the state, many public activities, particularly sports events, are scheduled at times which conflict with our traditional worship time.

Thus, some of our members, particularly youth, are confronted with a difficult choice between participating in worship or recreational activities. Moreover, in some communities, certain public activities - such as marathons, bicycle races, or parades - have hindered people from attending worship or disrupted worship services. In one recent case, a parade disbanded on a church lawn, with cheers and loudspeakers blaring, while members inside the church were participating in a service of holy communion.

In light of these problems, we are concerned that a pattern of public insensitivity to the religious traditions of our churches may be emerging and hardening in the Commonwealth.

We, therefore, appeal to all public officials in local communities and private planners of public events to avoid the imposition of impediments to religious worship. We urge them to remember that the Sunday morning service is not only a centuries-old tradition for our churches but also a time of special religious significance. To be told to re-schedule our worship, as has occurred sometimes, is perceived by many of our people as insulting.

We understand the difficulties of public scheduling in a pluralistic society. We are convinced, however, that these problems are surmountable with sensitivity. If the various religious traditions in a community are treated with respect and fairness, the benefits of good will, mutual trust, and cooperation will far outweigh any scheduling liabilities.

Does The IRS Want Your 1981 Tax Return?

Over the past few months, Steve Mosher, District manager with H & R Block, said that he has had many people come in with IRS notices regarding their 1981 tax return. Mosher says, "Most of the people getting these notices are either retired or widowed receiving pension income and interest and dividends."

The reason for this is the banks and the pension payers must report to the IRS the amount they pay you. Although you may not be required to file, due to your income being under the filing requirements, the IRS does not know this and they send out a notice asking you to explain the reason you did not file. Mosher suggests you do the following if you receive one of these notices:

1. Look at your 1981 records and add up all the taxable income (Social Security not included). If your income is over \$3,300, you should check the filing requirements for your age and marital status.
2. If you are required to file, you should prepare a return and look into the many credits and deductions you may be entitled to in order to reduce your taxes. Don't forget to do a Massachusetts return also. A state return is required if you made over \$2,000 regardless of your age or marital status.
3. If you are not required to file, fill out the reverse side of the notice and return to the IRS. Be sure to explain the reason you do not have to file.

Mosher said "If you find you were required to file a 1981 return, chances are you should have also filed a 1982 return. I encourage you to do so now rather than wait for another notice next year." In addition to paying the tax, you will also have to pay a penalty for not filing as well as interest on the balance due. Mosher said that the government would compute the interest and penalty and send you a bill after you file the return.

If you find this whole matter confusing, you are not alone. As a public service, H & R Block will be happy to look over your records and advise you on what to do free of charge. Mosher invites you to call him at 781-4640, or stop in his office at 537 Sumner Avenue.

LEGAL NOTICE

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
HAMPDEN Division PROBATE OF WILL Docket No.
Estate of RALPH J. ENNACO otherwise
RALPH JOSEPH ENNACO,
late of Agawam,
in the County of Hampden, deceased

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that RALPH A. ENNACO, of said Agawam, and RONALD F. ENNACO, of East Longmeadow, both in said County, be appointed executors of the will of said deceased, without giving a surety on their bonds.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on February 14, 1984.

In addition you must file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 2A.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

John P. O'Brien
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

HAMPDEN Division PROBATE OF WILL Docket No.
Estate of GEORGE W. RANCHOR,
late of Agawam,
in the County of Hampden, deceased.

NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that JAMES B. GREENWOOD, of West Springfield, in said County, be appointed executor of the will of said deceased, without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on February 10, 1984.

In addition you must file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 2A.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the ninth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
HAMPDEN Div. PROBATE & FAMILY COURT DEPT.

Docket No.
NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP OF MENTALLY RETARDED PERSON
NOTICE

To all persons interested in WENDY WILTSIE, of Agawam, in said County a mentally retarded person. A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that P. WINNIFRED WILTSIE, of Westfield, in said County and LISA ANN PERROTT, of Easthampton, in the County of Hampshire, or some other suitable person, be appointed guardian of the person and estate of said WENDY WILTSIE.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before February 3, 1984.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty four.

John P. O'Brien
Register of Probate and Family Court
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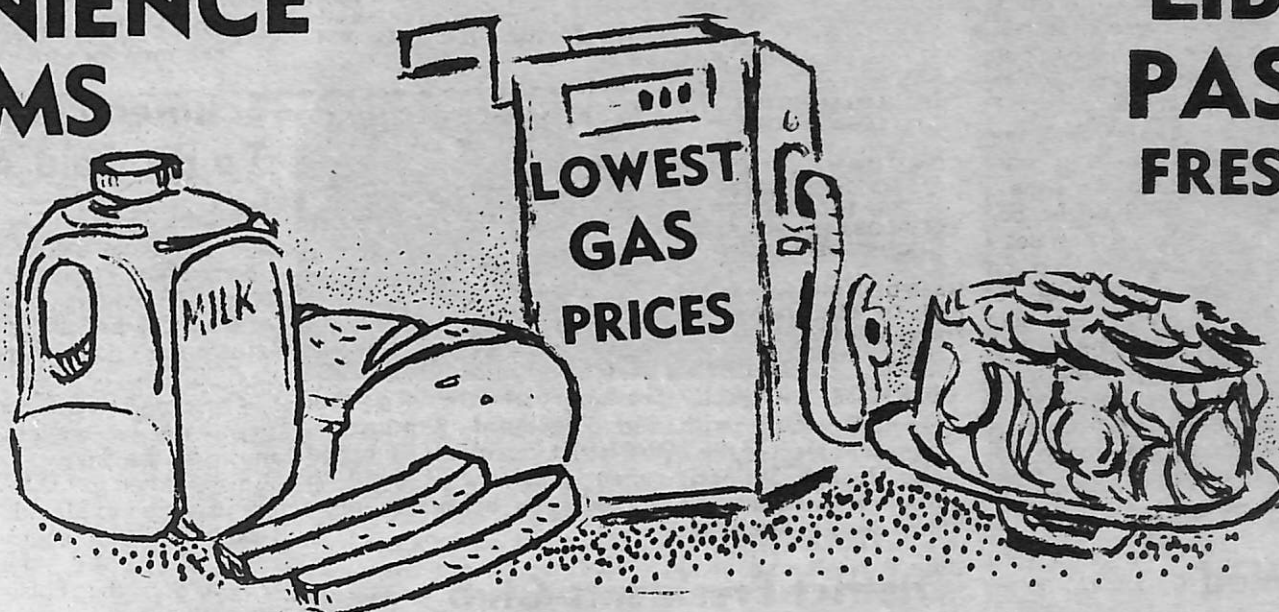
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Linda Peck To Wed Mark Tenggren

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peck of 606 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Jean to Mark Tenggren. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Tenggren of 55 Hillside Drive, East Longmeadow.

Linda is a 1982 graduate of Agawam High School and is attending the University of Massachusetts. Mark is a 1981 graduate of East Longmeadow High School and is also a student at the University of Massachusetts.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Dukakis Names January As Volunteer Blood Donor Month

Recognizing the need for blood donations following the holiday season, Governor Michael Dukakis has proclaimed January as Volunteer Blood Donor Month in Massachusetts. Dukakis's proclamation supports President Reagan's recent declaration of January as National Voluntary Blood Donor Month.

In his proclamation, the Governor commended both blood donors and blood banking: "Our blood banking service is the finest in the world and, through participation in the volunteer blood program, blood donors unselfishly sharing the blessing of good health with those who are less fortunate."

Each day, nearly 37,000 units of blood or specialized



BERNICE NOWILL, president of the Agawam Women's Club with Mrs. Bernhard Kvarnstrom, president-elect of the 14th District Presidents Club; and Mrs. Joseph Stirlacci, current president of the 14th District Presidents' Club. (See story below). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

District Presidents Club Guests Of Womens Club

The 14th District Presidents Club, a member of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs, met in Agawam as guests of the Agawam Women's Club, Mrs. Bernice Nowill, President.

Guests were members, directors of the 14th district and vice presidents of clubs. Mrs. Ralph Pond presented a composite history of the Captain Charles Leonard House which is the home of the Agawam Women's Club. Guest speaker was Ivan McDonald who presented a pictorial tour of Israel.

blood components are transfused. Most Americans, at least 95% of those who reach age 72, will need blood during their lifetime.

The critical need for blood and blood components increases with rapid advances in medical science - such as liver transplantations and the repair of damaged hearts; and with the development of major life-saving procedures - such as the successful treatment of leukemia and the restoration of the burned and the injured.

Healthy individuals between the ages of 17 and 65 interested in donating blood may call 1-800-342-8748 for more information.

"Info On Aging" Seminar At St. David's Church

On Saturday, January 28th, from 10 a.m. to noon, the people of St. David's Episcopal Church invite the public to a special seminar on issues in aging.

The program is especially designed for those who either live with an elderly person, or care for an elderly person as an expression of their Christian ministry. The first hour will be spent viewing excerpts of a taped presentation on aging in America conducted by nationally and internationally known experts in the field of gerontology.

The second hour will be spent in question and answer discussion groups. The seminar is free, although donations will be welcomed for materials and refreshments. For further information, contact the church at 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-6133.

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Ecumenical Banquet To Be Held At Chez Josef

All the Christian Churches of our Greater Springfield area celebrate the week of prayer for Christian unity approximately the third week in January each year. Many Christians have combined to support an ecumenical banquet being held at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam on Sunday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The program will consist of a full banquet meal, a twenty-minute service of prayer at the tables, and music by the Singing Friars of Granby, Mass.

Six hundred to 1,000 Christians of all denominations are expected to attend. Tickets are \$10.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased through the Council of Churches (733-2149), the Roman Catholic Diocese (737-4786), the Episcopal Diocese (737-4786), or through the offices of most Christian churches in our area.

Sons Of Norway To Hold Monthly Meeting

Sons of Norway, Neptune Lodge, No. 3-552 will hold their next meeting on Friday, January 27th, at 8:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

It's "Everyone's Birthday" night. All Scandinavians or people interested in Norwegian culture are welcome. For further information call Mrs. Jeanine Maagero, Social Director, 782-2605.

Parkinson Support Group To Meet February 7th

The Parkinson Support Group of Greater Springfield will meet February 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Hampden East Condominiums Community Room, 295 Nassau Drive, Springfield.

Guest speaker will be Ivan Lambert, Director of Pharmacy Services of Mercy Hospital. All Parkinsonians, family and friends are welcome.

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"Great Meats On The Hill"

Junior Women's Club Rich In Civic Tradition

By Dorine Kubik
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Combine a lot of energy and enthusiasm with the capacity to help others and you have a group in town known as the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

A dedicated organization, even a major snowstorm could not stop these women from their volunteer work.

Because board meetings are held traditionally one week before the regular meeting, the board members met at the home of clubwoman Marlene Harlin despite the snowstorm swirling about on Tuesday, January 10th.

Dedicated And Successful Membership

During an interview with the board, First Vice-President Gail Pirnie explained that "although our current membership of thirty-eight women is somewhat smaller than in previous years, the members that do belong are very dedicated and this is what makes our work successful."

All board members would like to see more women join the Juniors so that the club can grow, additional friendships formed, and committee work eased.

Many board members said that more and more young women today work outside their homes and do not have the time to devote to local civic clubs as women did in the past.

Membership in the Juniors as well as volunteer work in general has dwindled considerably as compared to earlier years.

During the 1950s and 1960s women worked on club's Federation Committees, including community service, the arts, international affairs, New England Home For Little Wanderers, veteran's division, conservation, kidney foundation, legislation, Mass. Association for the Blind, public affairs, safety, National Association for Retarded Children, and health.

Today the Agawam Juniors' activities include volunteer work in some of these fields with emphasis on home life and education. They also offer a scholarship for housewives on the state level.

Member Of State Federation & General Federation

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a division of the Agawam Women's Club and is a member of the Massachusetts State Federation (MSFWC) and General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC).

Their objective is mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare, and the promotion of the civic and cultural interests of the women of Agawam.

Meetings are held at the Captain Charles Leonard House on third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. from September to May.

The club does not meet in the summertime and new officers are installed every April.

The board, including club officers and directors, meet the second Tuesday of the month at board members' homes.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB are, from left - Cindy Leger, Maureen Scanlon, Gail Pirnie, Carol Couchon, Faith Hyland, Aileen Semanie, and Marlene Harlin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Maureen Scanlon is the club President for 1984 and the First Vice-President is Gail Pirnie. The Second Vice-President is Aileen Semanie. Faith Hyland serves as secretary and Cindy Leger as treasurer.

Directors are Mary Dutton, publicity secretary; and Marlene Harlin, acting publicity secretary. Kathy Karam is the Ways and Means Chairman and Pat O'Connor is the editor of their newsletter *Junior Jots*.

During the earlier years of the Agawam Junior Women's Club one of their rules required women to automatically "retire" from the Juniors when they reached a certain age.

That rule has since been dropped and to join the club the qualifications are simply women over eighteen years old and interested in the club's work.

Information booklets are available at the Agawam Public Library and lists the name and telephone number of the member to contact for women interested in joining.

To date, their Ways and Means projects include a fashion show, a car wash, a 50's dance, and they also hold an arts and crafts festival.

Each time they hold a fundraiser, it is with a specific charity in mind. Some of their charitable contributions

for 1984 include high school scholarships, educational films, special education programs such as Special Olympics, library book donations, and a donation to the Capt. Charles Leonard House.

Donations Made To Health Organizations

They also donate to Juvenile Arthritis, Juvenile Diabetes, Spinal Bifida, National Kidney Foundation and the Wide Horizons school program.

Although many of their donations are required by the state, club members are also asked where they want to see their club money spent. The club's most recent donation was a film strip to the town dealing with drug and alcohol abuse.

The club also directs the Agawam Clearinghouse which is a nerve center for supplying needy families and individuals with food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

"Many children benefitted by this project over the recent holidays," chairman Faith Hyland indicated.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club was founded in 1957 and is Federated.

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A Rape Prevention Workshop will be held at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, January 31st at 7 p.m.

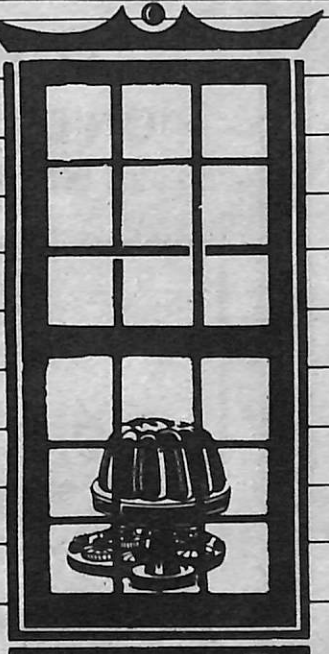
The program conducted by Detective James Frantz and James Lewis of the Agawam Police Department, will consist of two parts: Preventive Measures and Rape Investigative Procedures.

In the first part, steps for men and women to take to make themselves more secure in their home, car and

on the street will be discussed. The film, *Rape: A Preventive Inquiry* will be shown and there will be demonstrations of self-defense tactics.

Then, rape investigator Detective Lewis will speak about what happens after a woman has been raped. He will cover the investigation procedures, the police sensitivity on the issue, and the victim's responsibilities.

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A SPECIAL QUILTING CLASS IS BEING conducted at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday's. From left - instructor Brenda Hallaman from West Springfield watches the work of Agawam seniors Bertha Longley and Marlene Lynds. Advertiser News photo by John Loftus.

Agawam Senior Center News...

By Sandra Smith Special Projects Coordinator

Things just never stop at the Agawam Senior Center. There is always something to do or someplace to go.

The newest happening is our new Sewing Class starting Monday, January 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. You are all welcome to join the group in starting your spring wardrobe or perhaps your favorite garment needs a new "lease on life" with an alteration or two.

Don't pass up the opportunity of turning a "tedious" job into a fun one. It's always more fun when you tackle a job as a group.

Plans are finally completed for our one-day excursion to Beverly, Mass. to see the international acclaimed "Le Grand David" magic show.

The show is much more than a "magic show" in the usual sense of the word. It's a stage extravaganza complete with dancing, singing, music and magic. It will be a day you will never forget.

The show is in its eighth year at the theater and has toured internationally and I could go on and on with their outstanding reviews. You shouldn't miss it.

The date has been set for Sunday, April 8th. The bus will pick us up at 9:30 a.m. and will stop for lunch at the beautiful King's Grant Inn in Danvers and have the opportunity to stroll through their "lush" tropical indoor gardens.

Reservations are now open and the price is only \$21.00 per person. I hope you will plan to

join me.

Reservations are open for a special performance by "The Sweet Adelines" for Saturday, February 18th at 2 p.m. to be held at Bellamy School in Chicopee. Price is \$13.00 per person.

Just a reminder - "January Clearance Sale" on Wednesday, January 25th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If the weather is not on our side, it will be held the next day at the same time.

If you haven't seen the current "Activities Calendar," for your convenience here it is:

Monday: Sewing class, 9:30 a.m.; exercise class, 10 a.m.; circle dancing, 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Quilting, 10 a.m.

Wednesday: Painting, 10 a.m.

Thursday: Painting, 9:30 a.m.; Knitting and crocheting, 1:00 p.m.; Hobby Club, 1:00 p.m. Woodworking, 2:30 p.m.

Friday: Needlepoint, 1 p.m.

Special projects: Tuesday, Card night, 7 p.m.; Saturday, gift bingo, 7 p.m. Please remember the above craft activities will be the "backbone" to our up and coming "Gift Shop" which means we need your participation to make it work.

Council On Aging Menu

Monday, January 23rd: Ham sticks in pineapple, sweet potato, spinach, applesauce.

Tuesday, January 24th: Chicken rice soup, chicken salad sandwich, cookie.

Wednesday, January 25th: Veal cutlet, mashed potato, French style green beans, pears.

Thursday, January 26th: Fish, potato puffs, corn, peaches.

Agawam Guild Holds January Christmas Party

The Agawam Guild of Our Lady of Providence Children's Center (Brightside) held their 11th Annual Christmas Party on Friday, January 13th at the home of Mrs. Louis Bonfitto, president of the Guild who lives at 196 Meadow Street, Agawam.

The Christmas party which is a yearly event is held on the first Friday of December each year, but because of the recent death of Mrs. Bonfitto's mother, the party was postponed until this past Friday.

Mrs. Bonfitto's friends and neighbors raise money throughout the year by holding tag sales. Cake sales are an every-other-month feature for them.

Afghans and other handmade articles and crafts are donated to Mrs. Bonfitto for sale to those attending the open house.

Honored guests were Gerald L. Malouin, executive director of the Providence Children's Center; and Mary Warner, president of the Board of Trustees. She was accompanied by Edward Warner.

A check amounting to \$1505.25 was formally presented to Mr. Malouin for the Center to use for birthday gifts and special occasions for the children. Lorrie Bolduc serves as vice-president of the Guild while Jo Lango is the treasurer. Mrs. Bolduc is also in charge of publicity. Ticket committee members include Jennie Choiniere, Violet LaCrox, Peggy Bonavita, Jean Lango, Amy Lango, Louise Barkett, Rita LaForce, Carol Tessicini, Jerry Norgaard, Patricia Niles, Jean Trehey, Vivian Benoit, Rose Mezzetti, Edith Moccio, Rose Baevich, and Francis Pedulla.

A feature of the evening was the modeling of summer hats by Jennie Choiniere. Her committee also served refreshments throughout the evening.

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Polish Club Donates \$250 To Leonard House Trustees

Bernie Szczygiel, president of the Polish American Club of Agawam, today presented a check of \$250.00 to Richard Brindle, president of the Captain Charles Leonard House Board of Trustees, to purchase white, aluminum storm windows for the historic home.

In accepting the gift, Mr. Brindle expressed his appreciation and thanks to the Polish Club for its assistance to the Fuel Conservation Program, presently conducted by the Leonard House Board of Trustees.

During the month of December, eleven storm windows were installed on the first floor, south and east sides of the building.

This installation completed the protection of all windows, except the "Fan Window" over the front door, the two side lites, and the "Palladian Window" on the second floor.

President Brindle said he was very encouraged with the progress of the conservation program to date, but he indicated an attempt would be made to complete the work in the near future when additional funds are made available.

Szczygiel stated that the Polish American Club was delighted to help the Captain Leonard House, which serves as the Community House for the Town of Agawam. He felt that additional assistance might be given in future years, as the need arose.

He mentioned that the Polish Club has made donations to many organizations and activities in Agawam and is proud of its record of giving.

The club was a major contributor to the Agawam Ambulance Fund with a donation of \$10,000.00.

Each year scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students by the club. It also makes donations on a regular basis to senior citizens organizations, to girl and boy scouts, and to youth athletic teams in Agawam.



THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF AGAWAM recently donated \$250 to the Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House for the purchase of aluminum storm windows for the historic home. From left - Ernest Swanson, trustee; Richard Brindle, chairman of the Leonard House Trustees; Bernie Szczygiel, Polish American Club president; and Jeff Coburn, a club member.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

TODAY'S RELIGION

By Rev. Kyle W. McGaw
Ag. United Methodist Church



About The Wisemen

Did you ever wonder what happened to the three wisemen after they visited the baby Jesus?

Did you ever wonder what happened to the shepherds after they came to be with Mary, Joseph and Jesus?

Did you ever wonder what happened to the innkeeper whose inn is world famous? And what do you suppose became of the angels who announced the good news to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds? Well, read on to answer these and other questions.

Well, the wisemen went away with a wisdom that they had never know before. The shepherds went away with a sense of shepherding that they had never known before.

The angels were immortalized in a number of songs and stories and the innkeeper sold his place to Mid-East Motels, Inc. There are two possible answers and two answers which you can choose to take seriously or not.

What Do We Do After We See The Babe?

However, the question that really concerns us, is what do we do after we have seen the babe born in the manger? What are we to do after the wisemen leave, the shepherds return to their flocks and the angels go back to being in heaven? Well, now that all the celebrations of Christmas have been put back into the closet, the work and spirit of Christmas really begins.

That is the answer that the former dean of the School of Theology at Boston University, Howard Thurman gave. Christmas has almost no meaning, if all that it is is just a one day celebration that leaves us with a lot of bills, a little heartburn and a big letdown in the form of the post-Christmas blues.

There are many ways that we can continue the Christmas Celebration on past the twelve days of Christmas, even until next Christmas, and on and on.

The Presence Of Christmas Remains

Remember, that as Rev. Len Cowan of St. David's Church said in a recent column, there still remains a "Presence of Christmas" that will never break, fade, go away, or whose batteries will run out. It will bring us everlasting joy and life in all its abundance.

I hope that each of us will receive this present - this Presence - this birth of Christ in our lives and that we will share that present - that presence with all our neighbors, who indeed are our true brothers and sisters.

Easter Seal Society To Conduct Shoot-Out

For the fifth consecutive year, the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society is conducting the Boston Celtics Easter Seal Basketball Shoot-Out sponsored by Zayre to benefit persons with disabilities in Massachusetts.

The event headed by Celtics star M. L. Carr will be coordinated locally by Manny Fonseca, coach at the Springfield Boys Club in Springfield on January 14, 1984.

The Shoot-Out involves youngsters 18 years of age and under who obtain sponsors to pledge an amount of money for each basket they score in a three-minute timed period. Manny Fonseca will verify each participant's sponsor form.

Prizes include digital watches, walkman radios, gym bags, T-shirts, and painters caps based on the amount of money raised.

The five youngsters raising the most money in the state will be guests of M. L. Carr at a Boston Celtics game in March. In addition, the top fundraiser in the state will receive a basketball autographed by the Celtics players and coaches and will appear on the Easter Seal Telethon on April 1st.

Monies raised will help the Easter Seal Society to continue programs including swimming, camping and recreation, stroke clubs and therapy services for persons with disabilities in Massachusetts.

Coaches and youngsters wishing to participate should contact the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society in West Springfield at 734-6434.

Garden Calendar Available

Now is the time to plan your landscaping and gardening needs according to Kathleen Carroll of the Massachusetts Cooperative Extension Service. The 1984 garden calendar can guide any home gardener with tips on when to plant, daily gardening tips and pest control.

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Obituaries

Ralph J. Ennaco

Agawam: Ralph J. Ennaco, 67, of 216 School St., retired long-time employee of Package Machinery Co., East Longmeadow, died Wednesday, January 11th in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield most of his life and in Agawam 18 years. He previously worked for General Baking Co., Springfield. He was a communicant of St. Ann's Church, West Springfield, and a member of Package Machinery Local 220 Retirees Club and Sunshine Club, and Loyal Order of Moose Chicopee Lodge. His wife, the former Mary Zarr, died in 1972. He leaves two sons, Ralph A. at home and Ronald F. of East Longmeadow; a brother, Andrew of Feeding Hills; two sisters, Philomena Nadeau of Clearwater, Fla., and Rose Kisiel of West Springfield; and two grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday morning at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, Cooper Street, and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Carl C. Fancy

Agawam: Carl C. Fancy, 77, of 105 Riviera Drive, 10-year salesman for Tilo Roofing and Siding, Worcester, died Sunday in Western Massachusetts Hospital, Westfield. He retired in 1977. Born in Lawrence, he lived in Biddeford, Maine, 20 years before moving to this town last year. He was a member of Agawam Congregational Church. He leaves his wife, the former Margaret D. Trevors; a son, Carl C. Jr. of Agawam; a daughter, Sandra Lee Fantelli of Northboro; a brother, Arthur E. of East Orleans; and eight grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday morning at Colonial Funeral Chapel with burial in York County Memorial Park, Paxton.

Craig O. Compton

Agawam: Craig O. Compton, 68, of 93 Shibley Court, Feeding Hills, a union roofer, died Tuesday, January 10th in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Unit. Born in Morristown, N.J., he lived in Agawam 15 years. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was discharged as a second lieutenant. He was a member of Roofers and Slaters Union Local 248, and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He leaves his wife, the former Lucille Champoux; three daughters, Sharon Desimone of Agawam, Joan and Barbara Compton, both at home; his mother, Ruth (Stevens) Craig of Agawam; and two grandchildren. The funeral was Thursday, January 12th in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Margaret M. Pappaceno

Margaret M. (Reiners) Pappaceno, 69, of 64 South Alhambra Circle, died this past Tuesday at Providence Hospital, Holyoke. Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam for 30 years.

During World War II, she worked for the former Springfield Armory. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She leaves her husband, Joseph Pappaceno; two sons, Francis and Raymond, both of Springfield; a brother, Joseph of Rochester, New York; sister Jeannette Kelliher of Westfield; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was Thursday morning at Curran Jones Funeral Home of Agawam and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Hockey Booster Club Plans Alumni Dinner



PLANS ARE NOW UNDERWAY for an "Alumni Dinner/Dance" sponsored by the Agawam High School Hockey Booster Club. The affair will be held on Saturday, February 11th at the Polish American Club. Officers organizing the affair are, back row, from left - Pam Barbarini, Besty McMullin, and Lois Hardina. Front row - Jerry Sibilia, Diana LaZazzera, Carol Hill, and Gloria Colby. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Holly A. Shibley

Houston, Texas: Holly A. Shibley, 28, formerly of Rowley Street, Agawam, died January 8th at M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Center in Houston. She leaves her parents, Victor and Edna Paro Shibley, one brother Victor, Jr., and a sister Vikki Warren, a nephew and two nieces, all of Houston, and her grandmother, Rhea Paro of Agawam. A memorial service was held in Houston. Memorial contributions may be made to Holly Shibley Trust, United Bank, Post Office Box 1166, Houston, Texas 77001.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Adolpho Mercadante wishes to thank their relatives and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, Mass offerings, visits and floral arrangements offered to them during their recent bereavement. Your help and understanding greatly comforted us during our time of sorrow and we all extend our deepest appreciation.

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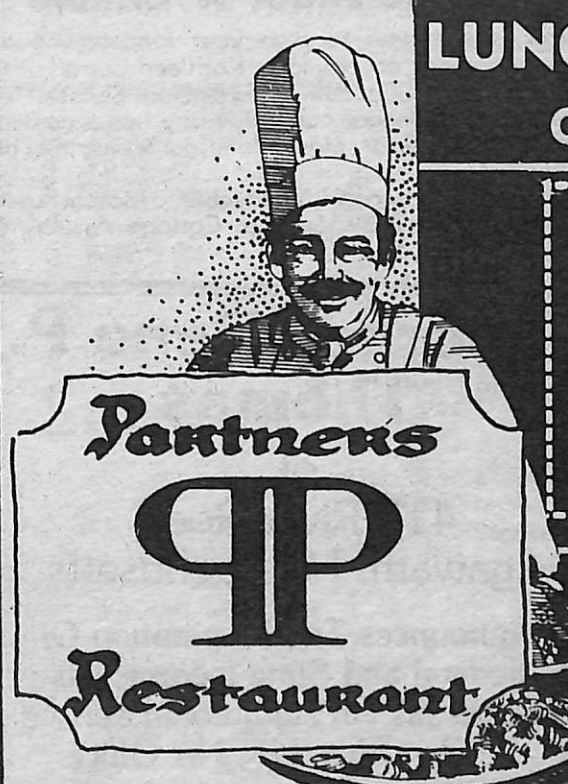
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Wedding For Faites Family

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Ed is the son of HARRY and LOUISE FAITES of Ridgeway Drive, Feeding Hills. He graduated from Agawam High School in 1972, attended Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Boston and received a bachelor of arts in economics. He has been employed for the past five years as a senior programmer with Texaco, Inc. of Houston, Texas.

Catherine is formerly from Vicksburg, Mississippi and is the daughter of MR. and MRS. WILLIAM PARKER. She attended the University of Southern Mississippi and received a bachelor of science in computer science. She is employed by Texaco U.S.A. as a systems manager. They will make their home in Houston.

AND

On May 25th, 1984, Harry and Louise Faites will have another new daughter-in-law. Son, PAUL H. FAITES and fiancée FRANCES SMEGNER will marry in St. Louis, Missouri.

Paul is a 1967 graduate of Agawam High School. He attended Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Boston where he received a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He is a sales representative for Datamat.

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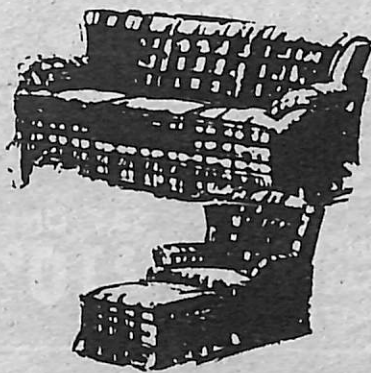
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Frances is the daughter of MR. and MRS. JASON SMEGNER of St. Louis, Mo. She received an associate degree in chemical technology from St. Louis Community College and is employed as a laboratory technician for Envirodyne Engineering in St. Louis. They will reside in St. Louis.

The other day at Edwards Drug Store the topic of conversation was new babies. Joining this little group was MARIE WATERS who had just become a great aunt.

She told us that her great neice was the last baby born in 1983 and her name was KATHLEEN MARIE. She weighed six pounds, fifteen ounces and measured twenty inches long.

Time of birth was 10:30 p.m. December 31st. Proud parents of their first child are BILL (Jr.) and BONNIE WATERS of Suffield Street, Agawam. MR. and MRS. HAROLD DAVIS of Feeding Hills are Kathleen's grandparents.

Congratulations.
Best wishes to MARAMA BREUNINGER who celebrated her birthday on January 11th. She works at Edwards Drug Store and previously taught sewing in Agawam's Adult Education Program. She's a very talented woman.

Belated Happy Birthday, Marama.

On January 14th KELLY QUINK of 27 Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills was feted at a surprise baby shower for her newly arrived Cabbage Patch Kid. Her name is SABRINA COLETTA and she came to live with Kelly on Christmas Day (December 25th, 1983). Grandparents of this new arrival are BOB and ROSEANN QUINK.

Among those attending this gala affair were Sabrina's AUNT CAROL, maternal great-grandmother VICKY DIVIRGILIO, from whom she received a lovely hand made afghan.

Also present were great aunts CYNTHIA WANIEWSKI and CAROL DIVIRGILIO; second cousins LISA, LORI and JULIE WANIEWSKI and CARA DIVIRGILIO. Neighbors ROSE and SANDY PARO attended the shower to "welcome" Sabrina into the neighborhood.

Unable to attend the shower (due to inclement weather) was her paternal great-grandmother JULIA QUINK of Ware, Mass. Also unable to attend were Sabrina's AUNT CHRISTINE who had a previously scheduled hockey game and godmother DIANE MALTONI who is (we hope) enjoying her vacation in Florida.

Sabrina will no doubt be the best dressed Cabbage Patch Kid in town with all the new clothes she received. A fun time was had by all.

Congratulations to the Agawam Athletic Association's 7th & 8th grade suburban basketball team. This is the first year at Agawam team has been entered in the suburban league.

BOB HERSHEY and his assistants ART SERRA, VIC CARRA and ROGER BROWN never gave up on the boys and more important, the boys never gave up on themselves.

The parents that followed these boys to every game, from town to town, also did not lose faith in them. They knew something would break sooner or later and something did.

After losing five games in a row they have come back strong with four straight wins.

Members of the team are: PETER VECCHIARELLI; MARK LACIENSKI; RICKY BROWN; JOE KOSINSKI; JIM LOCKWOOD; MIKE DILULLO; JOHN SERRA; MARK LYNE; AARON VANDERHOOF; PAUL POOLE; CHRIS OLLARI; and B.J. MASSOIA who has been sidelined with two cracked fingers since the second game six weeks ago.

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Attorney Daniel Keyes To MC Conway Dinner

At the most recent meeting of the Committee to honor John J. Conway on Saturday, January 21st, at the Greek Cultural Center Attorney Daniel M. Keyes agreed to be the Master of Ceremonies. Attorney Keyes is one of the most outstanding speakers and story tellers in Western Massachusetts.

Mr. Conway will be honored as a tireless worker in political campaigns, a former outstanding athlete at Cathedral High School in the 1950s, he was captain of the Cathedral hockey team in 1956 and won All Western Mass honors.

Co-chairpersons for the affair are Sheriff Michael J. Ashe Jr., State Senator John P. Burke and State Senator Linda J. Melconian.

A resident of West Springfield for the past twenty years, John and his wife Ellen (Skypeck) Conway live at 22 Rochelle Street. They are the parents of seven children.

Sheriff Ashe as spokesman for the committee said, "the purpose of the gathering this Saturday is to reacquaint old friends and honor this deserving and loyal gentleman for a lifetime of doing for others."

Invited guests include Rev. John J. Johnson, close friend from Immaculate Conception Church; Attorney J. David Kearney, former AIC hockey star and long time friend; Joseph Scibelli, former Los Angeles Rams football star and goal keeper for the 1954 Cathedral High championship hockey team; Joseph Skypeck, John's brother-in-law and a former UMass athletic great.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thurs., Jan. 19th
Organizational Meeting
New Ag. Jaycees
Court House Club
7:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 28th
"Info on Aging"
St. David's Church
10:00 a.m. - NOON

Wed., Jan. 25th
Special Bird Program
Public Library
7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 31st
Rape Prevention Clinic
Public Library
7:00 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 26th
Robinson P.T.O.
Robinson Park School
8:00 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 31st
P.T.O. Meeting
Granger School
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Schools

Audio Visual Club Dedicated Bunch

By Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Trustworthy, dependable, and self-motivated are terms which describe a select group of students at both the junior and senior high schools - the Audio Visual Aides Club members.

These industrious young men and women, who in many instances work behind the scenes, are responsible for the timely dispatching of A.V.A. equipment to teachers as well as for operating it for club and civic organizational meetings held at the aforementioned schools.

Trustworthy Students Chosen

Junior high school A.V.A. coordinator Charles Heyl points out that the town's secondary schools are very fortunate to have access to highly technical and expensive A.V.A. equipment.

It is for this reason that he chooses students who he feels possess common sense and are extremely trustworthy.

Heyl said that six ninth grade boys currently comprise the A.V.A. group. Interested eighth grade students, who are chosen by Heyl at mid-term, train with the ninth graders in preparation for the next school year.

Besides insuring that teachers have requested equipment on time and in proper working order, Heyl says his students also perform some basic maintenance, such as changing light bulbs in classrooms.

The 12-year coordinator said that A.V.A. members are also responsible for weighing, stamping, and mailing educational films back to nationwide concerns which distribute them, free-of-charge to educators.

This procedure requires that the students be responsible for several hundred dollars worth of stamps.

Moreover, Heyl notes that students videotape specifically authorized educational television programs for future use as well as keep a detailed inventory of replacement parts.

Students Receive Recognition From Civic Groups

Heyl points out, although the course is non-credit, A.V.A. members, who sometimes remain until 10 to 11 p.m. at school functions, usually receive some form of compensation from the community groups that they service.

He said that in addition to receiving special recognition at an awards assembly held each spring, A.V.A. students are also awarded a plaque crafted by him in appreciation for their dedication and service.

Heyl said that A.V.A. members enjoy both the special attention they receive from faculty members and a few privileges, such as being allowed to report to the A.V.A. room during study halls and homeroom.

In addition, he notes that lasting friendships develop among members and the group becomes quite close-knit.

Heyl said that since most members are very well qualified and trained in A.V.A., they are accepted in the club when they graduate to the senior high school.

He proudly stated that this year's club members are Carter Bowrys, Dan Donatini, Mike Hatin, Todd Kane, John Sonsini, and Joe Stoneburg.

High School Students Technically Minded

Senior high A.V.A. coordinator William L'Heureux echoes his colleague's sentiments and states his students are technically minded and usually interested in electronics, lighting, and photography.

He pointed out that a few A.V.A. alumni are currently working in various career-related fields such as radio and television.

Although A.V.A. is technically an extra-curricular club, the format of regularly scheduled meetings is not followed.

Instead, L'Heureux says students meet and work during study halls, school assemblies, and occasionally at evening school functions. Job assignments are similar to those of students in the junior high, with older experienced members training new recruits.

According to L'Heureux, A.V.A. is open to young men and women in all grades, with membership presently numbering twenty. He reports that two senior girls, Denise Bourbonnais and Laura Farrington, are members of this year's club and invites other interested young women to join.

Other members deserving of recognition are seniors Fred Harpin, Dennis King, and Rich Szlachta and juniors Ron Maniscalco and Scott Theroux.

The seven-year club coordinator said interest in A.V.A. has remained very steady throughout the years, eliminating the need for wide-spread recruitment.

One special project with which the A.V.A. members have enjoyed helping for the past several years is operating the film projectors and sound equipment at local schools during the annual town-wide Halloween safety program.

For their time and effort, letters of commendation from the Halloween committee have been received and appreciated.

The computer science teacher states that one future goal of the club is to extend the potential for the school's television studio. Because of limited personnel and financing, the studio is only used now on a very limited basis.



FOUR HARDWORKING MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR HIGH Audio Visual Club with their instructor, Charles Heyl (right-back) are, from left - Joe Stoneburg, Mike Hatin, Dan Donatini, and Carter Bowrys. The young group is responsible for the timely dispatch of A.V.A. equipment to teachers as well as for operating it for club and civic organizational meetings held at the junior and senior high schools. Advertiser News photo by John Loftus.

Agawam PAC To Receive Grant

Recently the members of the Agawam Parents Advisory Council for Special Needs Children were notified that the Massachusetts Board of Education approved their Commonwealth Inservice Institute proposal.

The PAC is scheduling a total of six workshops that will be held during the months of March, April, and May. The speakers will be noted area specialists in the fields of neurology, psychology, physical therapy, Chapter 766 rules and regulations, and wills and guardianships.

An organizational meeting for all interested people will be held on February 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Agawam Junior High School.

Committeewoman Sandlin Named To State Board

Rosemary Sandlin of the Agawam School Committee has been appointed to serve as a member of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Game Officials Committee. Mrs. Sandlin will represent the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) on this body, which negotiates with game officials.

Ms. Sandlin is a former chairwoman of the Agawam School Committee, of which she has been a member for four years. She is also a former secretary and vice-chairman of the committee.

MASC is an organization that serves school committees throughout the Commonwealth.

Susan Bodurtha Attains Bay Path Dean's List

Miss Susan M. Bodurtha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bodurtha of Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, attained dean's list standing for academic excellence last semester at Bay Path Junior College.

To receive this honor, a student must achieve a

grade point average of 3.25 or above, with no grade lower than C.

A member of the class of 1985, Miss Bodurtha is enrolled in the Travel Administration Program.

Robinson P.T.O. Slates Meeting On Drug Abuse

On Thursday, January 26th, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. the Robinson Park School P.T.O. will hold a meeting about drug awareness in the school cafeteria. The key speaker will be Detective Robert Campbell of the Agawam Police Department.

Detective Campbell will discuss and display the various drugs available to children, so that parents will become aware of the appearance of the drugs commonly used. This meeting is in accordance with the "Chemical People" to make parents aware of and to help combat the problem of drugs.

A question, answer and discussion period will follow. All Robinson Park School parents as well as any interested parents are welcome to attend this informative meeting. Coffee and refreshments will be served.



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"Broadway Review" Coming To Ag. High

By Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Area residents will undoubtedly give their applause as well as regards to Broadway when they attend the second annual Broadway Review February 2nd and 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the senior high auditorium.

According to the show's producer and director Stephen Files, the 90-minute, two-act musical production will be the first full-scale undertaking by the entire vocal music department.

He explained that the show's first act will be performed by the Agawam High chorale which will sing several popular songs from Broadway musicals. Some of these include *Camelot*, *Hello Dolly*, *One, People Will Say We're In Love*, and *Oklahoma*.

Files also notes that narrations by Liz Doran and Tony Mastromatteo as well as duets and solos by chorale members will highlight the program's first segment.

Vocal Ensemble And Show Choir To Perform

He pointed out that the show's second act will be performed by both the vocal ensemble and show choir. Musical selections from the two very popular Broadway shows *Cats* and *The Wiz* will also be featured.

Files explained that these two particular musicals were chosen because they contrast each other and are easily performed by high school students.

He said *The Wiz*, one of the best musicals written in recent years, will be performed as a jazz interpretation from the original score, whereas *Cats* requires more dramatic interpretation from its characters.

A special concluding feature of the *Cats* medley will be the song "Celebration," which gained notoriety when the "Kids From Fame" performed it at their London concert.

Moreover Files said the vocal ensemble will sing the same medley which they perform in the second act when they compete at the University of New Hampshire Jazz Festival in the spring.

The director reports that approximately 80 students will participate in the show's production with some working behind the scenes as stage crew members and lighting and sound technicians.

He said a portable lighting board will be rented in order to implement the present lighting system and enhance the production.

Agawam Arts Council Gives Assistance

Files credits Agawam Arts Council president Robert Sands for his assistance with make-up and stage lighting techniques.

Other individuals also deserving of recognition are instrumental music director Zachary Tileston, choreographer and theatrical director Margo Poulin, student choreographers Andrea Donabed and Ellen Stratton, and student conductor Tom Gionfriddo.

Files said Gionfriddo will conduct *The Wiz* song "Tornado" for which he wrote and arranged all the instrumental parts.

The show's producer stated he is eagerly anticipating the two-night production and expects a very good attendance.

He credits Agawam High School's fine reputation in theater and showmanship to town music director Darcy Davis, who successfully produced quality musicals in the past.

Files remarked that if students show an interest, he may consider reviving musicals once again.

"Broadway Review" tickets, which are \$2, may be purchased from A.H.S. students or at the door.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS now preparing for the next month's Broadway Review are, from left - Jeanne Juzba, Karin Mills, Ann Phillips, Andrea Donabed, and Linda Groom. The musical is under the direction of AHS faculty member Stephen Files. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Granger P.T.O. Plans Parenting Discussion

On Tuesday, January 31st, 1984, the Granger P.T.O. will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Mr. J. Lawrence Harbeson, Home/School Adjustment Counselor will be the guest speaker slated for the evening. Mrs. Phyllis Lewis, first grade educator at Granger School, will assist Mr. Harbeson on the topic

of discussion, "Parenting - The Ups and Downs, Some Reasons, Some Answers, and Some Tips."

There will be a short business meeting, nominations for next year's Executive Board and refreshments will be served. Your attendance is requested and appreciated by the P.T.O.

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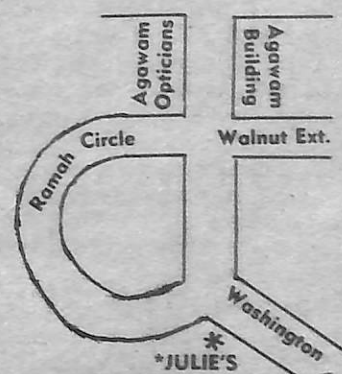
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By Kay Kudlinski

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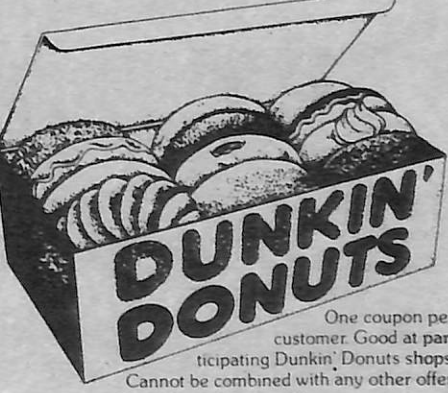
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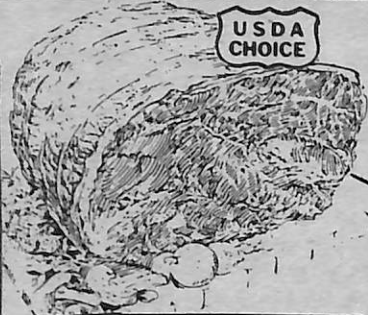
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Pre-Schoolers Should Learn About Fire

By Russell Jenks
Acting Fire Chief

Learning About Fire

What's the right age to start learning about fire? Conventional wisdom has always been to begin serious fire education at about the fifth-grade level. But, as we all know, fire and burns can happen to younger children too. And recent, pioneering fire education research shows conclusively that children as young as three years old can learn effective fire-safety behaviors - if they are presented a little bit at a time, with frequent repetition, and in a way that's "fun."

Pre-schoolers can't absorb technical information about fire. But they can master simple home escape techniques ("stay low and go"), learn "stop, drop and roll" technique for clothing fires, and develop a healthy attitude toward matches.

The keys are to keep everything on the child's level, demonstrate desired behaviors, and get the child involved. Don't just stop, drop and roll yourself. Have the child do it with you.

Home Escape. Here, the objective is to train the child how to respond when the smoke detector sounds -

by rolling out of bed onto the floor, feeling the bedroom door for heat, and - if it is safe to do so - crawling out of the bedroom and out of the house to a specified meeting point. Escape via a window if the door is warm. Children should be taught to wait at the window if escape is impossible.

A child of three or four can learn this sequence, and it's far better that the child be able to escape on its own than that you simply assume you'll be able to rescue the child.

Keep things concrete. Set off the smoke detector manually, so the child will recognize the sound. Have the child perform all the behaviors, one at a time - rolling out of bed, then crawling to the door, etc. To keep the child's interest, use multiple short sessions, and treat it as a game - call it "stay low and go."

Stop, Drop and Roll. The first step is to teach the youngster that all his or her clothing can burn - and that fire will hurt. To be concrete, use an example such as "fire will hurt worse than the sting of 1,000 bees." Now demonstrate the stop, drop and roll technique, and have the child practice often. Attach a little felt "flame" to the child's clothing - the rolling movements will cause the felt to drop off, giving the child the reinforcement of having "put out the fire."

Matches. Research has shown that young children do not respond well to negative language - remember that last time you told your preschooler, "No?" So pronouncements like, "Don't play with matches" are not sufficient. Today's the day to start teaching your child about fire. The effort will pay off for life.

AHS Class Of 1974 Plans 10-Year Reunion

Attention all members of the Agawam High School Class of 1974!

A committee is now being formed by co-chairmen Ric Sardella and Mike Walsh for the 10-year class reunion to be held later this year.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26th at 7 p.m. in the Judges Chambers Restaurant of the Courthouse Racquetball Club on North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills Center.

The AHS Class of 1974 enjoyed one of the school's most successful five-year reunions ever held on December 8th, 1979 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Springfield. A total of 338 people, including 224 from a class of 364 turned out for the five-year affair.

Classmates are urged to begin passing the word that the 10-year reunion is being planned for sometime next fall.

Parents and relatives of those 1974 AHS graduates who no longer live in the area also are requested to forward this information as soon as possible.

More details about the 10-year reunion will be passed along in the **Advertiser News** in coming months as they are formulated and finalized.

If you wish to be a part of planning the reunion, please attend the Thursday, January 26th meeting. For more information, call Ric Sardella at 786-7747/786-8137 during the day or at 789-2005 at night; or call Mike Walsh at 786-4545 during the day or 789-0128 at night.

Spring Semester At Bay Path Features Variety Of Programs

The spring semester of Bay Path Junior College's Adult Education Program for men and women will feature a variety of new and familiar non-credit evening courses. Subject areas include career development, personal and professional interests, computer science, business, languages, studio arts, photography, home and garden, the natural world, and fun and fitness.

Courses beginning the week of February 13th include: Resume Writing with Mrs. Mary Pilch; Know Thy Enemy: A Forum on Drug and Substance Abuse with Ms. Ann Davis; Collecting Antiques with Mrs. Carol Olchick; Self-Defense with Mr. Ben Cortese; Dance for the Theatre with Mr. Joey Calabrais; and Where the Wild Things Are and Wildlife in Need, both with Mr. Douglas Kimball.

Also, Basic Typing Review and Basic Shorthand Review, both with Ms. Lynn Martin; Beginning French II and Intermediate French II, both with Mr. Robert Nye; Beginning Watercolor Painting and Advanced Watercolor Painting, both with Mr. Jack Flynn; and Introductory Photography and Intermediate Photography, both

with Dr. Salah A. Batrawi.

In addition, Mrs. Pilch will teach a one-session course, Beyond the Want Ads, on Tuesday, February 28th.

Courses beginning in March include: Effective Interviewing with Mrs. Pilch; Understanding the Night-Time Sky with Mr. Kimball; Clothing: The Message Sender with Mrs. Patricia Abranovic; What's BASIC with Dr. Ronald M. Schnitzler; Women in Management with Mrs. Teresa Kozloski; Women and the Law: An Overview of Today's Woman Within the Legal System with Attorney Iris Linson; Spring Plans for Your Summer Garden with Mr. Larry Lirot; and Is It Soccer or Football? with Mr. David Saward.

Tax Savings Through Investments, a four-week course with Mr. John S. DeNucci, will begin in April.

A detailed brochure with registration form is available by calling the college. Some courses have enrollment limitations and registrations will be accepted in the order received.

Bird Feeding Program At Agawam Library

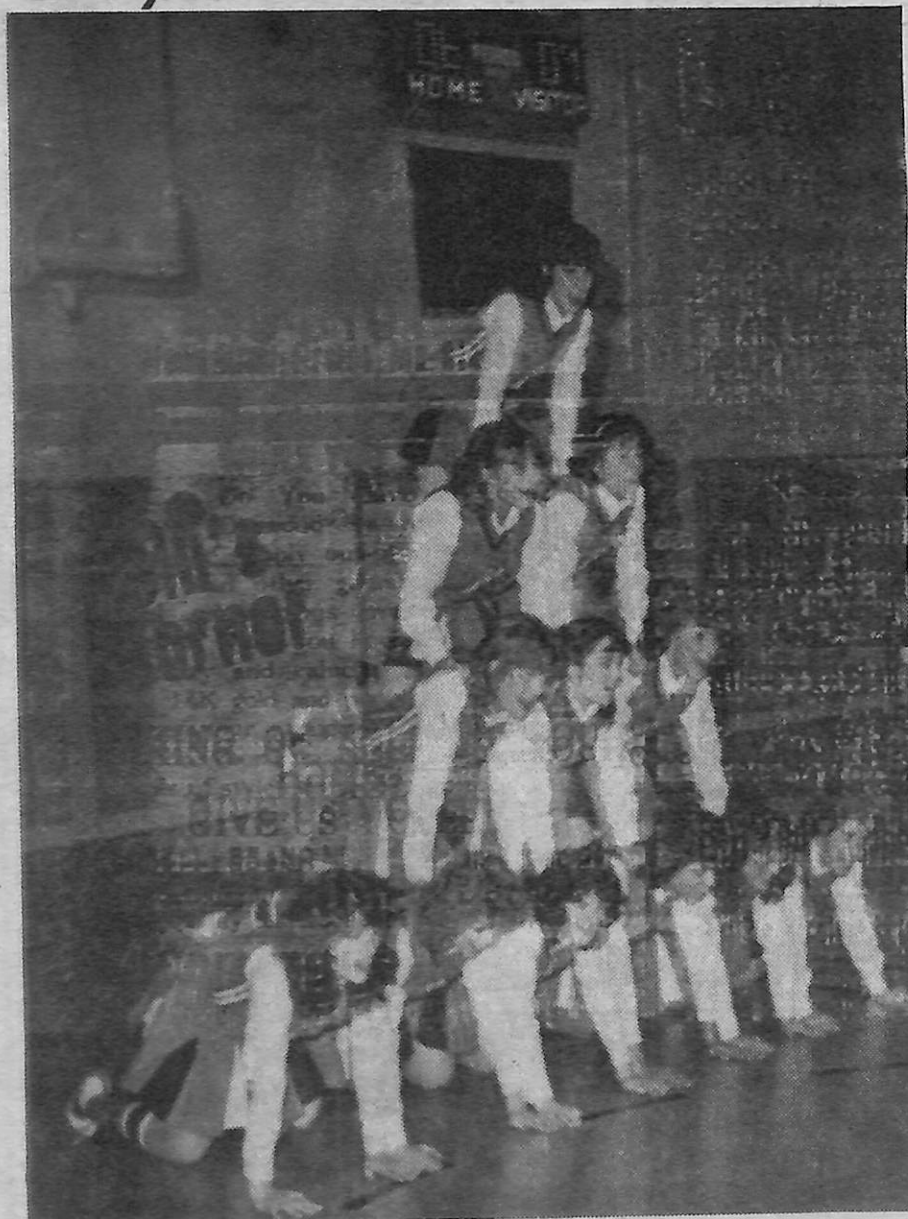
Feeding & Finding Birds in Winter will be presented at the Agawam Public Library on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

The speaker will be Seth Kellogg who is the editor of Western Massachusetts Audubon Society. He also operates the Voice of Audubon, a telephone service supplying recorded lists of rare or significant bird sightings in this area. At the end of the program there will be a question and answer session.

To register, please call the library at 789-1550.

"Understanding is the soil in which grow all the fruits of friendship."
—Woodrow Wilson

A Pyramid Cheer For AHS...



AT LAST WEEK'S VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME between Agawam and Classical High Schools, AHS varsity cheerleaders form a pyramid as they cheer-on the locals. Once their cheer and pyramid is completed, they tumble, from top to bottom, and then roll over, left to right, until they have formed a straight line with all cheerleaders lying flat on their stomachs. The cheer has become very popular for the fans since it was introduced several years ago. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Brownie Troop 544 Holds Investiture

Troop 544 James Clark School held their annual pot luck supper Investiture Program at St. Anthony's Hall in Agawam. Leader Mrs. Linda Emery and co-leaders Mrs. P. Lewis and Mrs. J. Augsberger welcomed 23 new girls from grades 1 to 3 into the troop this year. There is a total of 38 girls now in Troop 544.

The girls were pinned and were welcomed by second and third year Brownies by the ritual ceremony at the Brownie Pool. Ninety five people were present for the pot luck supper.

Laughing Brook Offers Winter Botany Program

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center's in Hampden is offering a special program on plants in cold weather. "Winter Botany" will meet on the evening of Wednesday, January 25th from 7 to 9 p.m. for an outdoor instruction.

Three outdoor field sessions will meet on the following Saturdays: January 28th, February 4th and 11th from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The course will be instructed by Joe Choiniere, an expert botanist who was Laughing Brook's property manager for five years.

Basic information will include the identification of native New England trees and their natural history. Learn why trees grow where they do, how different species are used by people, and discover what their presence can tell us about the past landscape.

Participants will finish the course with the ability to identify most native trees and with a greater understanding of the New England landscape. Property owners will gain insights into the plants on their own land.

"Winter Botany" is open to the public and reservations are required. For fees and more information call Laughing Brook at 413-566-8034.

Laughing Brook Sponsors Reading Discussion Group

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center is sponsoring a reading/discussion group to be held at the Sixteen Acres Branch Library on Parker Street in Springfield.

Toward a Land Ethic - Environmental Classics will meet on three Thursdays: January 12th, February 16th, and March 15th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Participants will meet to discuss readings and how they relate to peoples' attitudes towards land and land-use.

Readings for the first two meetings will be *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck and *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck. Discussions will be led by Lisa Carpenter, Laughing Brook's Volunteer Coordinator and will focus on how our beliefs shape our actions toward using the land. The January meeting will also feature the Springfield premiere of the new Massachusetts Audubon slide show, "Toward a Land Ethic."

Toward a Land Ethic is open to all adults at no charge. Preregistration is required. For more information contact Laughing Brook at 566-8034.

Best Hometown News Advertiser News



BROWNIE TROOP 544 from James Clark School held their annual post luck supper/Investiture Program at St. Anthony's Hall last week. These four young Brownies are taking their pledge to be good and trustworthy members of Troop 544. From left - Lisa Sands, Amy Alfano, Heather Stevenson, and Kelley Whitehead. This foursome also were named as the cutest new Brownies in the Town of Agawam by a unanimous vote of the Advertiser News staff. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF BROWNIE TROOP 544 of James Clark School conduct ceremonies last week at their annual pot luck supper/Investiture Program at St. Anthony's Hall. Group leaders supervising the festivities are at left - Mrs. L. Emery, Mrs. P. Lewis, and Mrs. J. Augsberger. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Editorial



Letters To The EDITOR

PVTA Administrator Explains Policy On Elderly ID Cards

To The Editor:

A common complaint received by our staff and PVTA bus drivers concerns why elderly and handicapped persons are required to show their special ID cards when boarding PVTA buses, or when purchasing reduced-price bus passes.

Basically, the ID card allows the individual to take advantage of half-price fares on all PVTA bus service. It is a privilege we are proud to offer our senior citizens and handicapped persons do well deserve it. I am happy so many individuals do take advantage of it.

While having to show the ID card when boarding is considered by some to be an inconvenience, it is nonetheless an extremely important policy. First, many of our senior citizens do not "show their age." In that instance, the ID is our only way of determining the person's eligibility. Anyone, I think, would agree that this is a reasonable way of insuring that reduced fares are given to the appropriate riders.

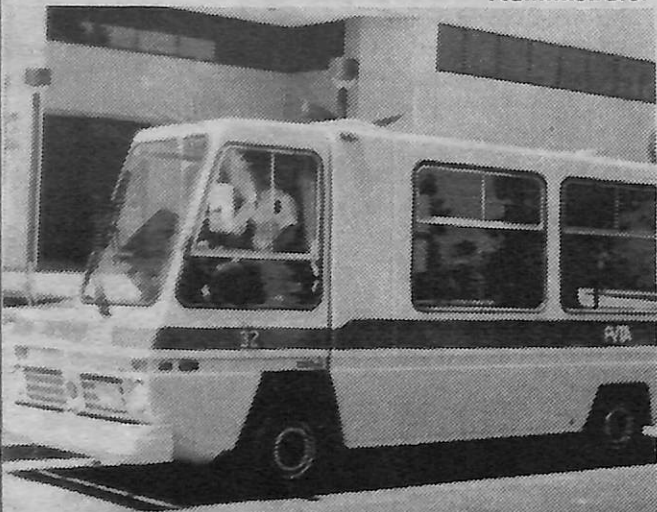
However, what we often hear is "I'm 85 years old. Anyone can tell I'm over 60. Why should I have to show an ID, especially when it's hard for me to reach for it, and others are waiting to get on?" or "I've been on before and showed my ID. The driver knows I'm over 60." These are legitimate questions, and while I don't expect to stop the flow of complaints, there is a reason why everyone must show the ID, each time they board.

Consider what can and has happened in the event a person is granted the reduced fare without showing the ID. Imagine that the person boarding behind them observes what transpires and demands an explanation. While one would expect the person to understand, this may not always be the case. Imagine the entire bus disrupted by this individual. Doesn't it make more sense to have a simple rule that applies to everyone and that is well-known in advance. Doesn't it make more sense to avoid potential problems rather than foster them if we were to make exceptions.

Our policy is not designed to make bus riding difficult for senior citizens. On the contrary, we require the use of the E & H ID cards to make bus riding simple, easy, convenient and equitable for everyone.

If we did not enforce the policy, but made exceptions, one could rightfully say we discriminate, and that is something we can never tolerate.

Sincerely,
Robert D. Manz
Administrator



THE PVTA SHUTTLE BUS often services local senior citizens.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT Hampden Division Docket No. 188170

NOTICE OF FIDUCIARY'S ACCOUNT
To all persons interested in the estate of SUSAN L. PEDULLA otherwise SUSAN LOUISE PEDULLE or SUSAN CLANFLONE, late of Agawam, in said County, deceased.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the first and final, account(s) of LOUIS E. PEDULLA, as Executor of the will of said deceased has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before the seventeenth day of February, 1984, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this fourth day of January, 1984.

John P. O'Brien Register
Published: January 19, 1984

Symptoms Of Kids And Drug Abuse

To The Editor:

We frequently get calls from parents who suspect that their son or daughter is abusing drugs and want to know how they can be sure. Short of urinalysis, there is no way a parent can be absolutely sure; however, there are some behavioral indicators which are usually associated with drug abuse.

Symptoms such as disturbed sleep and eating patterns, dramatic shifts in mood, declining school performance, and loss of interest in previously enjoyed hobbies, activities or friends. These are common symptoms to teenagers abusing drugs or experiencing other emotional disturbances.

It is important to remember that these are only possible indicators of drug abuse. Heavy or chronic drug users usually exhibit several of these symptoms together.

The presence of one or two of these symptoms, without other evidence of drug use, is cause for parental concern; but certainly should not be viewed as proof that a substance abuse problem exists.

When confronted with evidence that their son or daughter is using drugs, parents are often beset by an array of strong, sometimes conflicting emotions.

The possibility that a loved one may have a drug problem is even harder to understand when that person may be using drugs that the parents know little about or, even worse, have heard horror stories about.

It is important for parents to have an understanding of their own feelings about alcohol and other drugs before talking to their children about them.

Most young substance abusers today are polydrug users, meaning that they use a variety of drugs. The parent who is relieved to find his son or daughter is "only" using alcohol is missing the point. Whether or not a substance is socially or legally sanctioned is usually less important than how that substance is being used.

Obviously, finding paraphernalia such as rolling papers, roach clips, etc. is a pretty clear indicator that drugs are being used. It does not, however, indicate the extent of drug use. A precipitous or overly punitive reaction to such a discovery often does more harm than good.

While it is true that some drugs are more unpredictable than others, **there are no safe drugs.**

As long as drugs are widely available in our society, effective prevention of their abuse must focus not on insulating young people from drugs, but on developing an informed, responsible awareness of the factors which contribute to drug abuse.

The Agawam Counseling and Youth Services Center is a non-profit mental health clinic located at 770 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, (786-6410). Questions or comments concerning this article are welcome.

Robin Clark
Executive Director

LEGAL NOTICE

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION Agawam, Massachusetts 01030

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that Circle of Friends, Inc., d/b/a "Encore," 22 King Street, Agawam, Mass. has applied for transfer of ownership of All Alcoholic Beverage Common Victualer License to Phillip H. Lauro, Martin Radewick, Edward J. Kennedy, d/b/a Marty's, 22 King Street, Agawam, Ma., building consisting of six dining rooms, one kitchen, one men's room, one ladies room, one full cellar, two apartments on second floor and cocktail lounge. Public Hearing to be held Tuesday, February 14, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam, Mass.

LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Joseph P. Dahdah, Chairman
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of IRENE G. GRASSO who is seeking an expansion of Special Permit 573 dated September 11, 1963 to allow the addition of an adjoining parcel to the original permit which granted the storage, scrapping and salvage of autos and parts on property located in the AGAWAM MEADOWS. Plot plan on file at the Board of Appeals Office.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulskie
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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 26, 1984, at 7:00 P.M., in the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act on the petition of Massachusetts Department of Public Works, to perform work subject to the Act on the reconstruction of Shoemaker Lane.

Henry Kozloski, Chairman
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

HAMPDEN Division ADMINISTRATION Docket No.
Estate of BETTY MAE CURRAN
late of Agawam,
in the County of Hampden, deceased.
NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that DONALD P. CURRAN, of said Agawam, or some other suitable person, be appointed administrator of said estate. If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, on or before 10:00 in the forenoon on March 23, 1984.

WITNESS, FRANK PLACZEK, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the fifth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

John P. O'Brien
Register of Probate
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By order of the Board of Appeals
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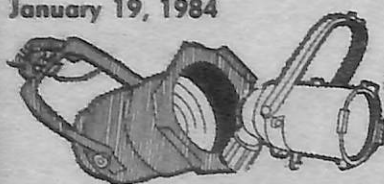


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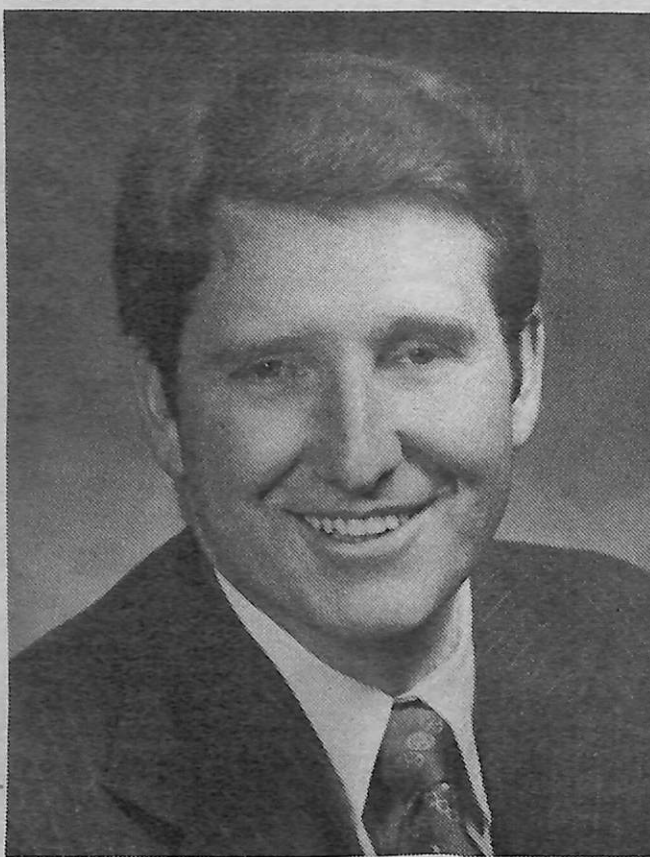
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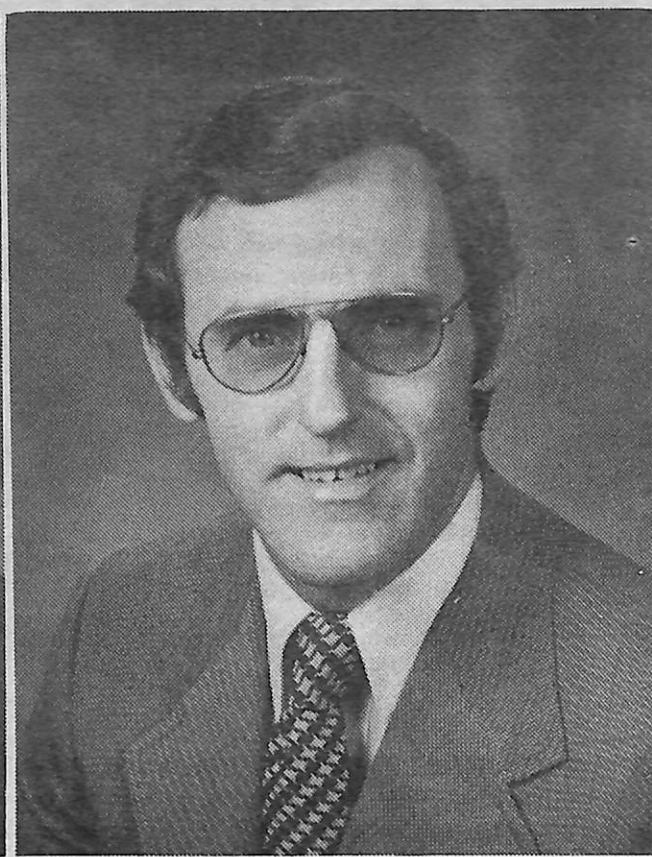
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1983 Best Ever For Westfield Savings: Assets Up \$19 Million

The year 1983 was "the finest" in the history of the Westfield Savings Bank, Chairman of the Board Arthur W. Knapp told the 131st annual meeting of the bank's Corporators Tuesday night at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

He reported that on October 31st, 1983, the end of the bank's fiscal year, total assets were at a record \$182.1 million, an increase of \$19 million.

"And as calendar 1983 closed, our assets had grown to approximately \$184 million," Mr. Knapp said. "I have every reason to believe that Westfield Savings will become a \$200 million assets bank during 1984."

The bank's savings deposits showed an increase of \$16 million for the year, and the gain for mortgage loans written by the bank totaled \$11 million.

Figures - A Pleasant Scenario

Mr. Knapp described the figures he was citing as "a pleasant scenario" which he attributed to aspects of federal deregulation of the banking industry "which gave us new directions and new options for greater earning power, a reduction of inflationary pressures; with that economic villain now in the area of a manageable 4 percent, and an upswing in the economy."

He continued, "At Westfield Savings, we look forward to continued growth in 1984, although the economic outlook obviously depends upon the related issues of the size of the Federal budget deficits, and interest rate levels."

"Nonetheless, interest rates are expected to be relatively stable for at least the first half of the year; mortgage interest rates will probably remain between 12 and 14 percent, and savings rates will be in the range of 8 to 10½ percent."

The Westfield Savings chairman anticipates strong home mortgage activity in 1984, "repeating, or even exceeding, our 1983 mortgage portfolio increase of \$11 million."

He said, "There is a large and unfilled market for homes in the Westfield Savings Bank service area, and we will be writing our share of the residential mortgages that are issued."

"Certainly we will continue to specialize in real estate financing, an area where savings institutions such as ours have unique skill and long experience."

Major Project Completed In Agawam Branch

During 1983, Mr. Knapp said, "We completed a major project at the Agawam office: construction of a double drive-up facility, a program that was necessitated by the continued increase in activity at that office. This major expenditure followed the complete interior redecoration of the Agawam office in 1982."

"Our four offices, two in Westfield and the offices in Agawam and West Springfield, are in modern, excellent condition, and we foresee no major expenditures there in the years immediately ahead."

Mr. Knapp noted that 1984 marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of the main office on Elm Street in Westfield, "an excellent building that has lived up to all expectations."

There continues to be strong response to the Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and Keogh programs as effective tax shelter programs that make it possible for a saver to accumulate substantial sums toward retirement.

"These programs have strength and value," Mr. Knapp said. "They provide just about everyone, with a pension plan or not, the opportunity to put aside tax-free dollars - the tax to be paid upon retirement, when the commitment would be less - and to very literally have possession of a fortune, large or small, upon retirement."

During the meeting the Corporators re-elected the following members of the Board of Trustees to three-year terms: Calvin J. Arnold, George B. Brooks, Horace N. Fuller, William J. Klein, and Harry C. Lane.

Mr. Knapp was re-elected chief executive officer and chairman of the board, Donald A. Williams was re-elected president, Thomas J. Howard was re-elected executive vice-president and treasurer, and Victor J. Carra was re-elected vice-president.

Attorney Horace N. Fuller was re-elected clerk of the corporation and re-elected to the auditing committee were Harry C. Lane, George B. Brooks and Attorney Philip C. Smith.

Business Card Exchange Held By Agawam Chamber



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL Peter Forastiere (right) makes sure Agawam resident and official from the Commonwealth's commercial development department, Viny Caroleo, wears his identification badge at last week's Business Card Exchange held at Chez Josef. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE AGAWAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, which continues to grow by leaps and bounds, held a "Business Card Exchange" program at Chez Josef last week and besides welcoming many of its older members, also honored the Chamber's 200th member, Carpet Shed of Agawam, owned and operated by Tim & Barbara O'Connor (left). Greeting Tim & Barbara is Richard Aldrich, chairman of the Chamber's membership committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Arts

StageWest's Dream Come True

By Phil Benoit
Advertiser News Entertainment Writer

If you doubt the old saying which goes "things will come to those who wait," then StageWest has something to tell you.

Ever since it was founded in 1966, StageWest has longed for a building of its own. Its residence at the Big E grounds in West Springfield was successful at first, but as the company's audience grew over the years, space became more and more of a problem.

Finally, after 17 years of sharing its West Springfield site with the annual Eastern States Exposition, StageWest has a place of its own at Columbus Center in downtown Springfield.

Columbus Center, which is connected to Baystate West and the GSA Building by airwalks, is a multi-use building that comprises a 535-car, above-ground parking garage, 10,000 square feet of commercial space, and a landscaped pedestrian walkway called Columbus Place. StageWest, however, is the center's major occupant.

Press Invited To Tour

On Wednesday, January 11th, members of the press were invited to the theater company's new home for a tour. Construction was still under way, but it was obvious that every workman was doing his best to meet the deadline of Thursday, January 19th, when George Bernard Shaw's *Candida* opens for its preview performance.

All of StageWest's productions will be performed in the S. Prestley Blake Theatre, which is named after a local businessman who donated \$150,000 towards the construction of this main theater.

While the 4-H building on the Big E grounds housed 384 seats, the S. Prestley Blake Theatre has 479; 358 on the orchestra level and 121 in a balcony.

This theater's stage pushes out into the audience, and the seats wrap around the stage itself. StageWest believes this closeness between the audience and the actors will make for a more intimate theatrical experience.

The Columbus Center complex also provides room for a studio theater. This square, empty chamber has no permanent seats, but it can hold up to 150 people. The studio theater is a flexible space which can be used for a variety of functions, including Rotary Club presentations, lectures, film series, experimental theater, etc. Mrs. Winifred Arms, a local woman who contributed \$100,000 towards the construction of this auxiliary room, as the room was dedicated in her name.

One of the biggest complaints about StageWest's old theater was the lack of legroom. In its new residence, however, six inches of space has been added between each row, and the seats themselves are wider.

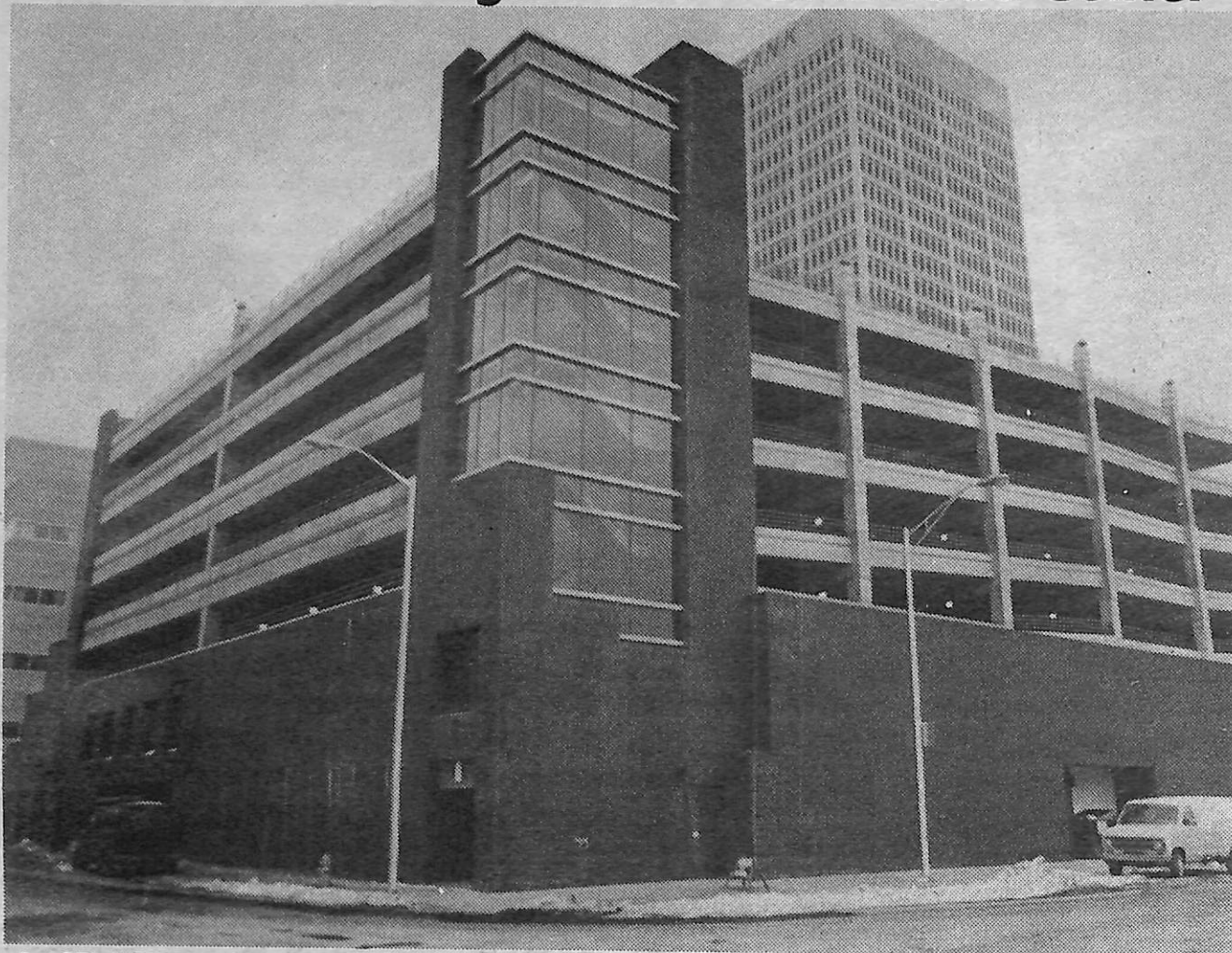
This increase in convenience also applies to ramps throughout the building for handicapped people and Columbus Center's large parking facility (which you enter from Worthington Street and exit onto Bridge Street).

Springfield - A Perfect Location For StageWest

According to Christ Kamages, an architect from Cannon Design, Inc., downtown Springfield was a perfect location for StageWest's new theater.

"We wanted the theater to be near restaurants, bars, and other places where people like to go. After examining case studies on metropolitan theaters in Baltimore, New Haven, and Hartford, we felt that downtown Springfield offered our theater a good chance for success."

Welcome To StageWest In Columbus Center



LAST WEEKEND DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD was alive and jumping as some 5,000 subscribers, friends, and members of the general public attended the open house conducted by the staff of StageWest in its new Columbus Center location on Columbus Avenue, just a few doors down from Bay State West. The theatre is completely modern, taking into consideration audience comfort and visual contact with the action on-stage. StageWest has now officially moved from its West Springfield location. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Stephen Hays, producing director of StageWest, believes the Columbus Center location offers two adventures that can be experienced.

One adventure involves StageWest's taking advantage of its new equipment (computerized light and sound systems, etc.) and more spacious environment (a scene shop to build all of the scenery, more backstage space, etc.).

The second adventure involves the relationship between StageWest and its audience, an element in which both of them "celebrate common humanity," as Hays put it.

If George Orwell was alive today, he might feel that the \$8.3 million Columbus Center complex is a tool of Big Brother in itself. But if he looked at what was going on inside the building, he'd realize that StageWest is working to emphasize the human spirit and to prevent

his world of 1984 from ever becoming a reality. Thus, we are able to experience and enjoy the second of Hays's adventures.

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West Springfield Arts Council To Sponsor Free Presentations

The West Springfield Arts Council (WESPAC) will sponsor the following free presentations during the 1984 January to June time frame.

January

Invitational letters were mailed to Western Mass. artists requesting sketches for a sculptured project to be located on town property. The final three selections will win cash awards.

Local photographer George Skovera embarked on a "Faces & Places" project. From a collection of 120 color and black and white photographs taken during this time, WESPAC will approve 20 for town archives.

A Town Community Chorus began a series of once-a-week rehearsals culminating in a spring concert. There is no age limitation and auditions are not required. Call 739-9065 for more information.

February

Local instructor Susan Urban will demonstrate ethnic paper cutting styles and techniques on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Library.

Hartt College of Music students will perform the "Bremen Band Ballad" on Sunday, February 11th at 3 p.m. in the senior high school auditorium. A half-hour keyboard performance by L. Kenneth Manzer will precede the opera.

March

Hartt College of Music students will perform "The Old Maid and the Thief" on Sunday, February 12th at 3

p.m. in the senior high school. A half-hour program of modern vocal ensemble music will precede the opera.

April

The Massachusetts Brass Ensemble will present an educational demonstration concert for junior high school students.

May

Art, history and culture of Poland presentation by Susan Urban will be at a location to be announced later.

A "Sweet Adelines" concert performance on Sunday, May 20th at 3 p.m. in the Junior High School auditorium.

June

"Weaving as an Art" will be demonstrated by Susan Urban to be announced at a later date.

A partial grant award for a Town Sculpture project. Deadlines for submitting grant applications are March 1st and September 1st. Applications are available year-round at the Library and the Park and Recreation Department. Community residents are encouraged to apply.

For more WESPAC information, call Mr. Charles Lalonde at 733-1496 or write to the West Springfield Arts Council, 26 Central Street, West Springfield.

Cancellation of a performance due to inclement weather can be confirmed by calling the Park and Recreation Activity Phone, 781-3020.

Theorem Painting Topic Of Demonstration At Museum

Among the arts encouraged in young ladies' seminaries during the first half of the nineteenth century was theorem painting with stencils on paper or velvet. Traditional artisan Alice Smith will demonstrate the vibrant and colorful art of theorem painting on Sunday, January 22nd from noon to 5 p.m. at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Schoolgirls and housewives created these "fancy pieces" to brighten their homes or as gifts for friends. Homey symbols of abundance, a basket overflowing with fruit, or a vase of flowers were painted in watercolor or oil on fabric as well as on paper. These still life compositions were constructed bit by bit, using stencils to render each element. A velvet background

became all the rage to use because of its mellow and soft quality. Numerous painstaking hours were devoted to preparing the stencils, grinding and mixing the paints, and assembling the theorem, as the finished design was called.

A certified teacher, Alice Smith has a B.S. in Education/Art from Westfield State College. She is a member of the Brazier Guild of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration and has won numerous awards for her stenciled tole and theorem paintings. Mrs. Smith has taught numerous classes at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum and throughout the valley.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, located in the Quadrangle in downtown Springfield, is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

St. Anthony's Plans Valentine's Dinner/Dance

St. Anthony of Padua of Agawam Holy Name Society will sponsor their 6th annual Valentine dinner-dance on Saturday, February 11th in the church hall, at 6:30 p.m.

There will be dancing to music by Steve Sartori and his Melodiers. For table reservations please call the church rectory at 786-3724 or Lou Scherpa, 786-0203.

Committee chairman will be Robert Ritchie, and co-chairmen will be Frank Gatti and Lou Scherpa.

"Great ideas come from the heart." —Vauvenargues

PHILM REVIEW

By Phil Benoit
Entertainment Writer

Silkwood Is Mediocre

Meryl Streep is one of this country's finest young actresses, so it's safe to assume that any movie in which she stars is bound to receive a good deal of attention. Her latest film, *Silkwood*, is being touted as a major contender for Academy Award honors, but it's basically a run-of-the-mill docudrama that's benefitting from the popularity of its leading lady.

This film tells the story of Karen Silkwood (Streep), a young woman who worked at an Oklahoma plant that made fuel rods for nuclear reactors. During her first two years at the factory, she was an unquestioning employee who trusted the company's safety standards and was only concerned with earning a modest living. But when a fellow worker and she are exposed to radiation, Silkwood wonders if people in the plant are sufficiently protected from the effects of plutonium.

After she learns that exposure to any amount of radioactive material is dangerous, this woman decides to investigate the company's safety practices. In fact, she resorts to cloak-and-dagger tactics such as sneaking into her boss's office to steal doctored pictures which conceal the defects in the manufactured fuel rods.

When Silkwood has enough information to prove that radioactive waste isn't handled properly at the plant, her union arranges a meeting with a reporter from *The New York Times*. On November 13, 1974, prior to talking with this reporter, she dies in a car accident which, to this day, is still a mystery.

Because of its ambiguous subject matter, *Silkwood* is an unsatisfying dramatic experience that leaves you with a "so what?" feeling. I'm not saying that the filmmakers should have fictionalized this true story in order to give us a clear-cut ending, but I believe this topic would have worked better as a documentary instead of a docudrama.

In its present form, *Silkwood* doesn't teach anything new about the dangers of radioactive elements and takes an overcautious, middle-of-the-road stance on the issues it presents. Was the plant's management really aware of the hazards of plutonium? Were Karen Silkwood's co-workers also responsible for the accidents that occurred at the factory? These are just a couple of the questions that are raised but never dealt with during the course of the picture.

Many critics feel that *Silkwood* succeeds as a slice-of-life movie rather than an anti-nuclear power statement, but I fault the film on this level too. Director Mike Nichols and writers Nora Ephron and Alice Arlen spend too much time detailing the everyday life of Karen Silkwood, thus making the film seem longer than it actually is. Slice-of-life dramas give us ordinary characters and situations, but if they, like *Silkwood*, try too hard to be realistic, the result is often boring. After all, wouldn't an average day in our lives make for a less-than-exciting picture?

Once again, Streep gives a first-rate performance that will most likely earn her an Oscar nomination. But she's not as impressive in this film because of the role itself. Although Karen Silkwood is a self-centered commoner who eventually becomes a justice-seeking activist, she's an uncomplicated character who can be played by any semi-talented actress. This role is about as challenging for Streep as first-grade arithmetic would be for a college math major.

On the other hand, two of her co-stars are more memorable because they are performers of lesser repute. Kurt Russell (*The Thing*) is likeable as Silkwood's boyfriend, a jealous but good-natured man who cares for her welfare. As a lesbian and a good friend to Streep and Russell's characters, Cher provides the picture with refreshing comic moments.

Silkwood isn't so much a poor film as it is a mediocre one with fine acting. I'd recommend it for Streep's fans only, and I wouldn't be surprised if they found it to be a disappointing moment in what has thus far been a highly illustrious and successful career.

Rating: 2 STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

PHILM CAPSULE:

Uncommon Valor: 1 STAR - Gene Hackman stars in this horribly acted drama about Vietnam veterans who return to southeast Asia to look for a man who's been missing in action for over ten years. The action scenes are exciting and well-filmed, but the movie is not even as intelligent as a G.I. Joe comic book.

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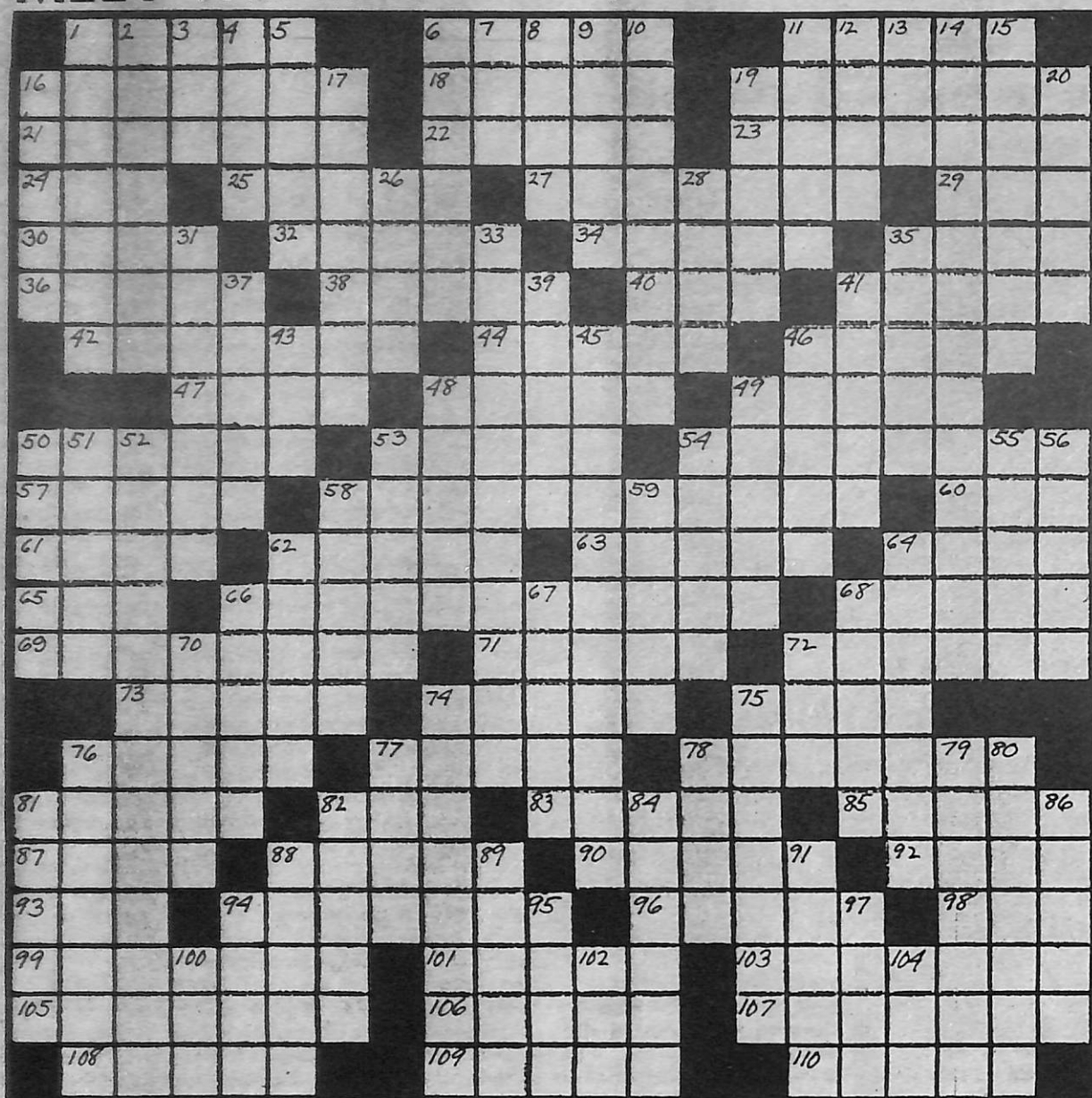
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MEET THE MASTER - By Dick Mastroianni



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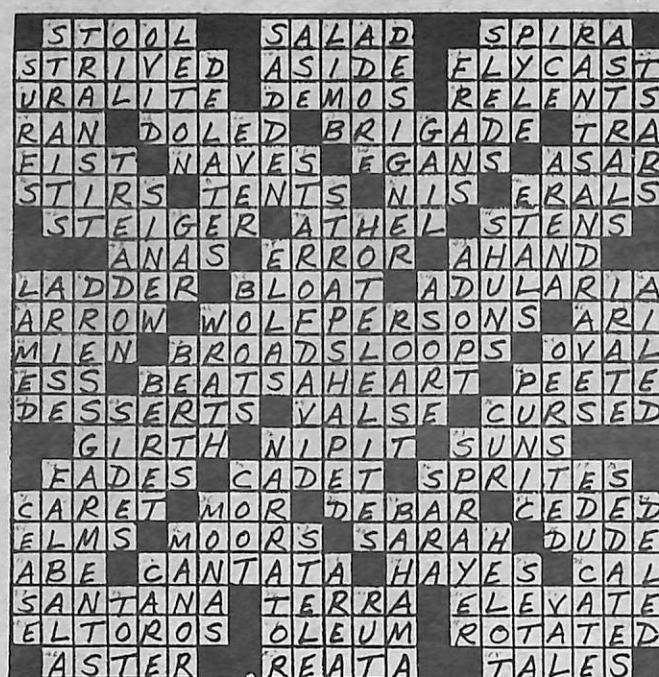
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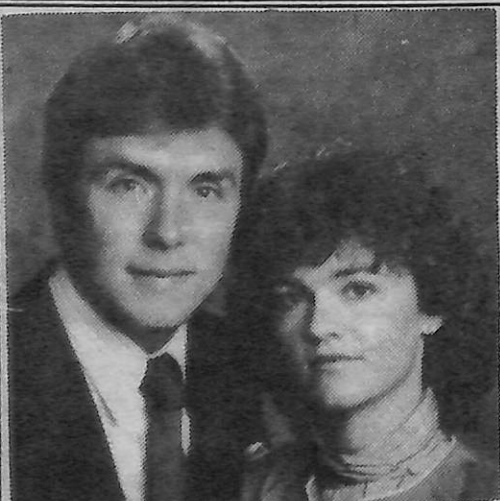
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Sports

Cathedral Again Punishes Agawam

By Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

Cathedral High, the defending Western Mass. Division I schoolboy hockey champions, claimed sole possession of first place in the Berry Division Monday night after trouncing Agawam, 7-2 before a good crowd at the Eastern States Coliseum.

Cathedral, a much-despised hockey rival of Agawam's who has stopped the locals from hoisting the Division I schoolboy flag atop the high school two years in a row, repeated an earlier 7-2 rout of the Brownies on December 23rd.

The loss dropped Agawam's record to 5-3-1 at press time and kept them in a second place tie with Classical.

The physically-demanding affair, besides seeing bodies being leveled all over the ice (Cathedral skaters took more physical abuse), forced Brownies Jay Passerini and Jerry Sibilia to leave with injuries late in the game.

The Brownies came out flying as they rifled two quick scoring bids at Panther goalie Brian Doyle within the first minute of play.

But it was the ever-opportunistic Panthers who got on the scoreboard first on a Mike Ritchie tally at 1:58. That came following a scramble in front of the Brownie cage.

Even though the Brownies outshot Cathedral and had several glittering chances to beat Doyle, they couldn't connect at key moments of the game.

Agawam goalie Dave Liptak faced 23 Panthers' shots (several of which rang the post) while Doyle kept 29 Brownie bids out of the cage.

"We outshot Cathedral, but we just couldn't get a break. I feel we outplayed them the first two periods, but they were the ones who scored," lamented a very disappointed Eddie Drewnowski, Agawam's first year coach.

"Cathedral is a very good team and we must jump on them early and put the pressure on their backs, not ours," he added.

The Panthers would find the net two more times before the end of the first period. The lightning quick-speed of the Cathedral skaters often left Agawam's defense two steps off the beat and Liptak was forced to face the music alone.

The third Cathedral goal, however, towards the end of the period, will be remembered as the one which set the game's tempo to the end.

Down 3-0 after one, senior forward Ray Bronner tried to put some scoring confidence into the Agawam attack

as he notched a breakaway goal at 1:06 on an assist from John Spellacy.

That made it 3-1 and take away that late first period goal by the Panthers, and suddenly, the winners were not in such a comfortable position any longer.

This surge of confidence for Agawam would be short-lived, however.

Cathedral's Dave Champigny answered Bronner with a backhanded flip past Liptak after another scramble in front of the net.

The Panthers upped the count to 5-1 before the stanza concluded when John Charette won a face-off and found teammate Ritchie's stick at 9:36. Ritchie blasted a wrist-shot off the right post and into the net by an outstretched Liptak.

"Once we got behind so far it was tough to comeback against such a sound team like Cathedral," said Drewnowski. "When Ray (Bronner) scored for us I thought it would turn the game around. But they just kept the pressure on us."

Agawam has been averaging a high number of penalties per game but Monday night they kept this count down to three.

The Brownies did receive a pair of consecutive penalties when Dennis Drewnowski was whistled for holding and Kevin Mercadante was pointed to the box by the officials for arguing a bit too vehemently on the call.

It was during this sequence where Liptak and the Brownie defense together showed the right stuff. They successfully fought-off the two-man disadvantage, with Liptak bobbing and sliding on four markers heading into the net.

Ironically, the Panthers tallied again at 6:31 when the locals were at full strength. Charette, after assisting on three tallies, popped one in of his own.

From there, both sides changed goalies with the outcome completely in Cathedral's favor.

Cathedral's superior speed and passing which helped them bombard the Agawam defense provided one more red-lighter before the night was over. Dave Rionis slipped one past Mike August at 11:34 for a 7-1 lead.

Agawam's John Malley got some measure of consolation with 1:30 remaining as he fired one home on an assist from Chris Juzba.

Plans Underway For Alumni Hockey Game

Plans are now being made to organize two Agawam High School Alumni hockey games. The program is tentatively scheduled for early March and all competition will involve alumni players.

All Agawam High School alumni who can still lace a pair of skates are welcome to compete. Plans are to have one game for players who played prior to 1975, and one game for those who played between 1976 and the 1983-84 season.

For those who played between the years of 1958-1975 please contact Tom Dal Molin at 786-7686.

For those who played between 1976-1983, contact Jerry Sibilia Jr. at 786-7443.

Please notify any former player who may have moved from Agawam.

LaZazzera Continues To Lead Worcester Academy Scoring

Mike LaZazzera the right wing post graduate on the Worcester Academy hockey team continues to be the leading scorer with six goals and four assists.

Mike was an All Western Mass. forward and high scorer from the Agawam High School 1982-83 hockey team.

He scored four goals and one assist in a game with the Williston-Northampton School on January 11th to give Worcester Academy a 9-1 victory. They are now 2-2.

The assistant coach for Worcester, Henry Cataldo, said of LaZazzera, "He sets the tempo for us. Mike is a very unselfish player who is always looked to set up the other guy."

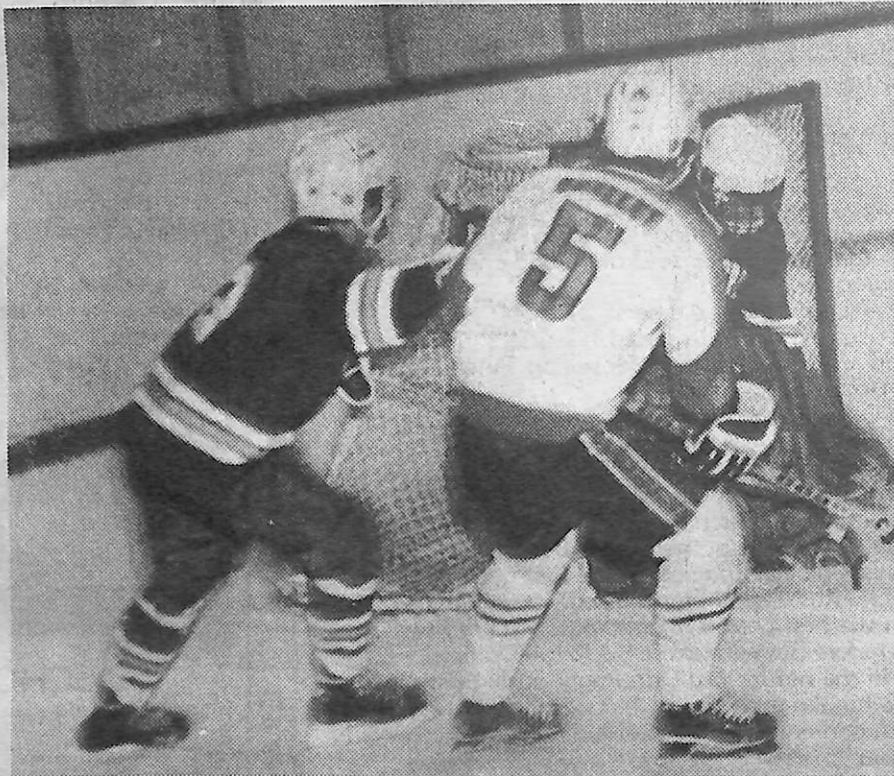
Little League Slates Final Sign Up For Feb. 4th

The Agawam Little League will be holding its final 1984 baseball sign-ups on Saturday, February 4th, 1984, at the Agawam Middle School's cafeteria, Main Street, Agawam.

The times for the sign-ups is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The registration fee for the 1984 baseball program is \$12.00 per player. The divisional ages are: 13-15 for the Senior division; 10-12 for the Major division; 8-9 Minor division, and 6-7 Instructional division. A child must be 6 years old before August 1st.



REFEREE JUNIE FONTANA of Agawam supervises an important face-off in the Agawam High end during first period action. The Brownies may have won this face-off, but lost the game to the first place Cathedral Panthers, 7-2. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM'S JOHN O'MALLEY (5) buzzes Cathedral goalie Brian Doyle during first period action of the big, Berry Division schoolboy match-up Monday night. For the second time this season, the Springfield team downed the locals, 7-2. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PUP PUB HIDEAWAY
Going For Auction This Fall!

Two Keys To Brownie Tournament Bid Liptak Boys AHS' "Double Trouble"

By Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

The Agawam High hockey team, currently holding second place in the very balanced Division I Berry Division, deals a "two of a kind" tandem at opponents which has helped them again challenge for a tournament berth in the very demanding circuit.

The Brownie varsity are blessed with the hockey skills of Dave and Dean Liptak, a pair of fraternal twins who are found on opposite ends of the ice most of the time.

One Liptak excels in the defensive department while his counterpart prefers playing the front line. Dave handles the goaltending chores for the Brownies and Dean is a menacing scoring threat.

On Skates Since Age 5

The Liptak's have been on skates since they were five years old. Both attribute their interest in hockey to their father Jack, who is president of the Agawam High Hockey Booster Club.

"When we were five, our whole neighborhood would share the skating rink that our father made us in the backyard every winter," said Dave. "This got us used to the idea of what skating and playing competitive hockey would be like."

The next year, at age six, the Liptak twins were enrolled in the Agawam Hockey Association. It was here that they met present Agawam coach Eddie Drewnowski.

"I first coached the twins in the 6-8-year old league. They were really good kids who were full of aggressiveness and enthusiasm," said Drewnowski.

"The twins were a big part of that team 11 years ago and they play a big role with the Agawam High team now," he added.

In the 8-10 league the Liptaks helped their squad to the team championships in that age bracket for the entire state in Boston.

Several of their teammates from that young team, such as Jay Passerini and Dennis Drewnowski, today play for the Brownies.

"We have basically the same team now as when we played in the youth league," said Dean. "We know each other very well and we work well together."

How did the Liptaks choose their respective positions as a forward and goalie?

"When we first started playing, Dean used to practice taking shots at me and that's when I decided I liked to play goal," recalled Dave. "It's a very important position on the team (goalie). I compare it to the quarterback on a football team."

Baywest Hockey Scores 3-2 Win Over W.T.M.

Baywest's 4-2 victory over W.T.M. was a fast moving game. It saw Baywest's first hat-trick of the season scored by Eric Russ with assists by Dan Gustina, John Desrosiers, and Dan Bryden. The fourth goal of the game went to fast skating Paul Karen with the assist of Bill Dolan. Great defense skating and checking by Joe DelBuono and Bill Bailey.

Baywest shut-out Amherst in a 4-0 victory. Goal tender Jeff McCarroll earned his first shut-out of the season with help from defenseman Peter Nolin and John Desrosiers.

Bill Dolan scored Baywest's first goal with the assist going to Dan Poggi. Jonathan Porter scored goal two with a pass from Eric Russ. Dan Gustina scored goal three and four, from great set-up passes from Porter.

Baywest and Easthampton players kept fans and parents at the edge of their seats. Both teams had great passing. Dan Gustina scored the first goal with assists from Eric Russ. Easthampton scored with just seconds left in the first period. Easthampton scored two more goals before Baywest came back. Bill Dolan tipped the puck in the net from a Dan Poggi pass. Easthampton lead 3-1 in the third period, but the hard skating of Dan Bryden and great passing of Paul Karem led to the tying goal.

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Not An Easy Road

The road for Dave Liptak to the starting berth on the Agawam varsity hasn't been easy.

For three years he sat the bench behind 1981-82 and 1982-83 All-Western Mass. goalie Kevin Kamyk who was a major cog in Agawam's two consecutive appearances in the Division I championship game against Cathedral.

Dave only saw action in five games last year but impressively, he built a perfect 5-0 mark.

Drewnowski, like other observers, is quick to note that Dave possessed enough skills to tend the nets for any other team in the league last year. "Sitting behind Kamyk was nothing to be ashamed of whatsoever," Drewnowski added.

Dave puts his former sideline status into perspective. "It was tough for me to sit the bench knowing that I was good enough to play for someone else. But Kevin (Kamyk) and I were good friends and I know he was the better goalie. I just stuck it out and waited my turn."

Dave is making his presence felt this year as he has the third best goals against average in Western Mass. at press time.

Brother Dean also has had his share of obstacles to overcome. He played his first game of the 1983-84 campaign against Holyoke last week.

He missed Agawam's first seven games due to a painful groin injury suffered in the pre-season.

Dean was hospitalized for five days over the Christmas holidays and went under the surgeon's knife to correct the problem.

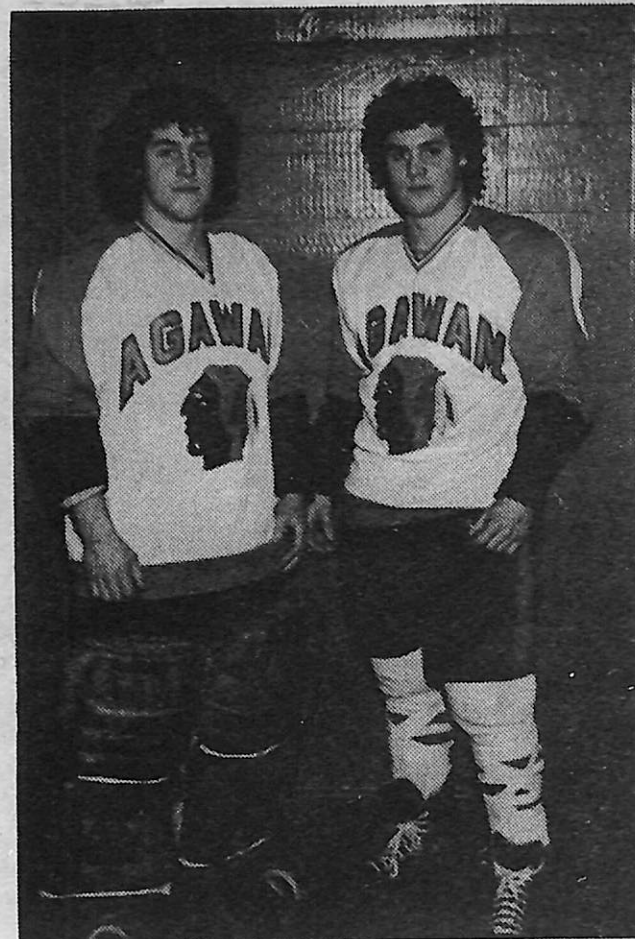
"I had been injured two weeks before I got the problem checked-out because it didn't bother me," Dave explained. "The doctors assumed I had a high tolerance of pain. They couldn't believe I went so long before coming in," he winked.

Wasted No Time

Dean wasted no time displaying his offensive talents as he fired two shots into the net in his first game back on the ice. He said his only problem now is with his breathing.

"My leg strength is fine. I'm just a little winded right now. That will stop after I get more and more ice time," he said.

Both Liptaks are built rock solid and Dean attributes his physical stamina as a major factor in his play. The twins are into body building and each will participate in a special competition this May in Hartford.



DAVE & DEAN LIPTAK

Nicknamed "The Barbarians" by their friends, the two look as though they'd make a fine tag-team combo on the professional wrestling tour.

As for the Brownies, the twins readily admit that Agawam must play consistent hockey for 45 minutes and forego occasional mental lapses which have plagued the team from time to time.

"We're only human and we make mistakes. But I think we have the horses to make the tournament and again challenge for the title."

That title, perennially held by Cathedral, can only be seriously realized with the steady work of Dave in goal and with Dean crashing into the corners and opening up scoring opportunities for Agawam.

Both look to improve on Agawam's 5-3-2 record and, like their teammates, see a tournament bid the first step in again preparing for the ever-present Cathedral Panthers.

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Comp Sneaks Past Brownies, 44-43

By Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

The Chicopee Comp Colts held off an Agawam High comeback bid late in the fourth quarter en route to a heartbreaking 44-43 victory over a bitterly disappointed Brownie hoop squad.

The cliffhanger dropped Agawam's Division I Valley League record to 0-7 and 0-9 overall. The locals have now lost 21 consecutive games over a two-year period.

The last quarter was a spectators' delight for the vocal gathering at the high school. Some last minute free throws by Comp's Mike Kijak and a few key hoops gave the visitors only their second victory of the season.

Hot shot Mike Shayda, who led all scorers with 21 points, (eight in the final period), sank a 15-footer with less than a minute to play to put Agawam ahead 41-40. The last Brownie lead was very early in period one.

After a timeout, the Colts hit a clutch reverse layup and sank two free throws and that was that. With 29 seconds left, the Brownies nailed the coffin by missing two consecutive opportunities, one right under the hoop.

Sophomore Paul Featherston put in an uncontested layup to end game scoring at 44-43.

"Mike Shayda played an excellent game. He was there when we needed him," said Agawam coach Peter Kowalski. "He hustled and kept the momentum going for us."

An effective man-to-man strategy by Comp helped shut down the Brownie inside game and forced them to unsuccessfully launch shots from the 15-20 foot range.

Good offensive penetration and rebounding gave the Colts a 12-6 lead after the first eight minutes.

It was evident from the start, however, that the Brownies and the Colts were very evenly matched.

The Agawam defense did show some bright spots throughout the affair. Chicopee's leading scorer, Jeff Guiel, who had been averaging 16 points per game, was held to a scratchy 11.

A more organized defense and timely baskets

brought the Brownies back in period two. They climbed to within 19-18 at the intermission.

"We had a very even first half. I felt we were in it the whole time," said Kowalski. "Only being down by one point gave the kids confidence to come out and try to take charge for the second half," said Kowalski.

That was only partly true. The third period belonged to the hustling Colts. Some early Agawam fouls were the result of sloppy defense.

Still, the Brownies moved to within 29-26 at the third period horn as Shayda swished one through the hole to set-up the dramatic fourth quarter.

The final eight minutes saw Paul Scoville, Featherston, and Shayda each hit early hoops to keep the Brownies in. The Brownies were forced to foul in the last two minutes and Comp hit four of seven attempts.

Although Shayda had the hot hand (shooting 54 percent from the field), not much else could be generated from the rest of the Brownies. Rocky Bush, Scoville, and Featherston each dropped in four points. Mike Sardella added three.

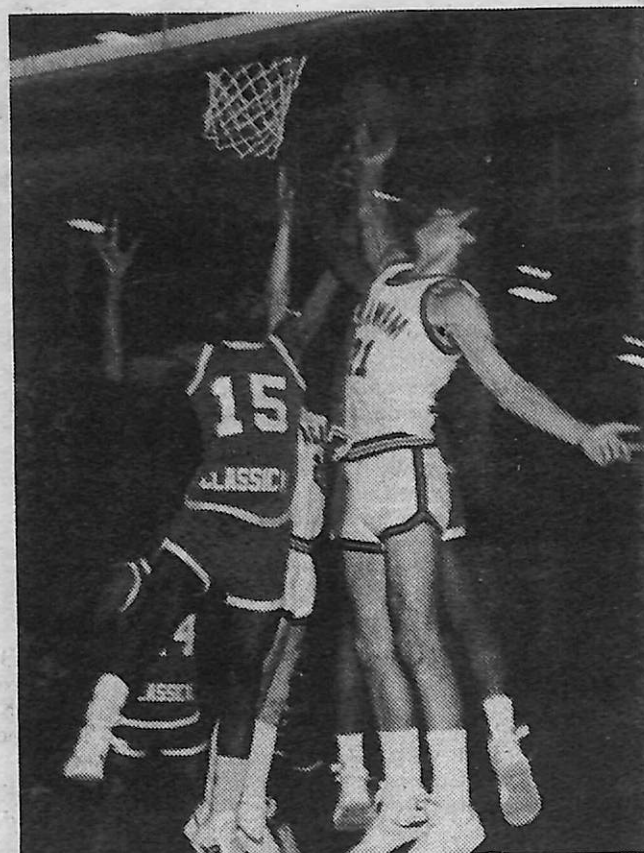
Senior center Dean Leclerc was plagued by fouls throughout the contest and went to the pines for good with 2:28 left in the game. He finished with two points and nine boards.

"Dean played well for the times that he was in. He made his presence known out there," commented Kowalski.

Despite the loss, Kowalski said the locals are continuing to improve with each passing game. "We're on the same level as Comp. We did come back and showed a lot of heart. The ball just wasn't rolling our way."

The Brownies have another opportunity for a win this Friday night against Cathedral in a home contest. Comp's first win of the season came against the Panthers.

Another possible victory for the Brownies may come against West Springfield next Tuesday, January 24th in an away schoolboy match-up.



PLAY WELL AGAINST CLASSICAL: Agawam's Dean Leclerc (right) goes high for a rebound in last Friday night's loss to Classical High, the Division I co-leader at presstime. The locals looked good in this one, trailing by just seven with under two minutes left. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

New Over 40 Slo-Pitch Softball League To Be Formed

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a new adult slo-pitch softball league for the 40 and over set this summer.

The league will play on Sunday mornings beginning on May 13th into the month of August. All games will be played on a 60' diamond.

A maximum of eight teams will be expected; also individuals who would like to be placed on teams are welcome.

For further information please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 786-0400 ext. 238. A meeting will be held shortly to organize.

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Ludlow scored first in the second period. Defenseman Bill Bailey tied it up with a pass from Bill Dolan. Jonathan Porter sent Baywest ahead with the assist of Paul Karem. Great defense skating from Joe Del Buono and John Desrosiers.

Baywest's Jeff McCarroll earned his second shut-out of the season in a victory over Springfield. The first

period saw no score. Eric Russ put Baywest on the board early in the second period, with the assist from Paul Karem.

Karem scored in a break-away from a Bill Bailey pass. The Tom Bourget, Scott Chapdelaine, and Todd Kane line worked hard to keep Springfield from scoring.

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Lady Hoopsters Smash South Hadley, 59-23

By Charlotte Venturini

From a degree of difficulty, the Agawam High girls' basketball team went from one end of the spectrum to the other this past week.

This past Tuesday, January 17th, the Brownies hosted Division B cellar-dweller South Hadley and the Tigers proved no match for the locals.

The home squad kept the visitors under 25 points in an easy 59-23 blowout.

The Brownies started early and never looked back as they led 24-6 after the first quarter.

At the half, Agawam, now substituting freely and using this game more as a tuneup for coming games, rattled off a 39-10 lead.

Agawam coach Cindy Grieve was merciful to the hapless Tigers in trying to keep the score from ballooning to a complete embarrassment by a fifty point margin.

Junior Leah Negrucci was the high scorer for the Agawam quintet with 17 points followed by Julie Miodowski's 10. Carrie Szabla and Lois Carra also performed well for the Brownies.

Last Friday it was a completely different story for Agawam when they hosted the undefeated, Division B leading Amherst Hurricanes. The Brownies were hot on Amherst's tail in the league and knew full well this one wouldn't be easy.

It wasn't. In the end, after the smoke cleared and the dramatics had concluded, the visitors escaped with a heart-throbbing 61-60 victory over the courageous Brownies.

This one was fast-paced, run-and-gun all the way. The Hurricanes came out smoking against a jittery Brownie club and led 15-6 after the first quarter, mostly on the fine outside marksmanship of Rhoda Jackson and Kim Pratt.

The second period was played just about even as was the frantic third period which gave Amherst a 42-35 lead. Both teams must have thought this was a track meet rather than a basketball game.

In the final frame, however, it was the Brownies who were applying the pressure and with 17 seconds left, Lisa Chevalier recovered a loose ball which prompted Miss Grieve to immediately call a timeout. At that point, Agawam trailed by just 55-53 as they had outscored the favored Hurricanes 18-13 in the quarter.

With just one second left on the clock, Chevalier's "Hail Mary" launch tied things at 55-55. The buzzer rang and a crazed Agawam crew leaped with fists high as the dazed Amherst five slumped to their bench in disbelief of the turn of events.

The three minute overtime was an intense as the previous four quarters. Pratt's jumper with just seconds remaining propelled the Hurricanes to a 61-60 victory in what was called the best girls hoop game ever played at Agawam High.

Chevalier was a heroine for the Brownies. She scored a career-high 27 points that came from perpetual motion. She was later named the "Player of the Week" in Division B by the *Sunday Springfield Republican* for her inspired play.

Julie Miodowski sank a timely 12 points and Sue Ellen Goehrlert tossed in 9 points, all in the first half.

Pratt, a tender frosh for Amherst, led the winners with 17 followed by Jackson's 14.

Agawam now stands at 7-2 overall and travel to Holyoke on Friday, January 20th and to East Longmeadow on Tuesday, January 24th as they continue their quest for a Division II tournament bid.

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Strong Falcons Overcome Brownie Swimmers

By Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

In a combined swimming meet at the Agawam Junior High School pool Tuesday afternoon, both the Agawam High boys' and girls' swim teams fell victim to Minnechaug, a Division A club that traditionally fields a strong swim club.

The Brownie girls were mopped up, 117-45 while the boys almost pulled off an impressive upset, but lost to the Falcons in a back and forth match, 85-72.

The boys' record fell to 3-4 and the girls dropped to 2-5.

Senior Paul Talbot once again found no competition in his two best events, the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. Paul wasn't even pushed, winning in 23.8 and 50.9, respectively.

The 100 yard free was a runaway for Talbot. He blew the Falcons out of the water by three-fourths of the pool. Agawam's Chris Wood made a good showing by placing third.

Versatile Fred Depka claimed first place in the uncontested diving competition with a tally of 139.35.

He, along with teammate Jeff Smith, who scored a 70.35, helped the Brownie flippers to their first lead of the meet by a slim 38-34.

In the next event, the 100-yard fly, Agawam could provide no entrants and Minnechaug swept all ten points which changed the face of the meet.

The always steady Rich Vezis came through for the Brownies with his usual solid performance.

He grabbed a second place in the 50-yard free (behind Talbot) and a down-to-the-wire second in the 100-yard backstroke. Vezis was also a part of the medley relay team which finished second. Other members of the relay team included Talbot, Jeff Hastings, and Chris Sanchez.

Hastings cranked out a second in the 200-yard individual medley behind the Falcons' Brad Semle who won the race in 2:27.

Down by seven points with only the 400-yard freestyle relay left, the locals found themselves in a position where they could not win.

Still, relayers Jay Duval, David Allen, Jason

Osborne, and Vezis collected four points to the final tally.

"Our 400 freestyle relay team did a super job to place second," praised coach Dave Smith. Even though they knew they couldn't win the meet, they still pushed themselves and gave a 100 percent effort."

There were a few bright spots in the girls' loss to the dominant Minnechaug team.

Agawam girls coach Dee Berkey did note that several of her swimmers lowered their best individual times despite finishing out of first place.

Diver Lori Jury, who has been improving by leaps and bounds, continued to climb the point scale with a personal best of 120 points against Longmeadow last week. She logged a 117.5 to place first against the Falcons.

"Lori just keeps improving. Since this is her first year of competition, I'm very proud of the way she's been performing," said Miss Berkey.

Minnechaug's Melissa Kanzinger was ace Kim Cascio's nemesis for the afternoon. Kanzinger took first place in the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:30.4.

Although Cascio had not swam the 200 IM in the last four meets, she still managed to chop-off six seconds in her time.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Kanzinger again got the best of Cascio in an exciting photo-finish battle. The two swimmers were even coming down the stretch, but Kanzinger pulled it out at the finish with a time of 1:17.8.

Two other locals who performed well for the Brownies were long distance specialists. Beth Johnson swam an excellent 500-yard freestyle race and foreign exchange student Eeva Huovinen from Finland had a 1:25 in the 100-yard breaststroke, a personal best for her.

Both local swim clubs hit the road against the always-strong Cathedral Panthers on Friday, January 20th. Then it's back home on Tuesday, January 24th against the Amherst Hurricanes.

St. Lou Drops BC In Tri-Parish Bowl; Called Best Match Of The Season

Without a doubt, last week's Boston College-St. Louis match was the best of the 1983-84 season in the Tri-Parish Bowling League.

In the seventh week of Round Two, St. Lou, last year's league champions, swept four straight games from this year's powerhouse, BC. St. Lou had been mired in 11th place before their explosion against BC.

BC, the first round winners, still lead second place Holy Cross by three games (21-18) while St. Lou is back to respectability in 8th place (13 wins).

JUNE BORGATTI and PEG TASSINARI were the big stories for St. Lou. June rolled a superb 333 in defeating an equally impressive SANDY PRZESZLO of BC (305). Peg sizzled at 328 but barely defeated a consistent JOHN MLINEK (314). Golden boy JEFF DANER, captain of St. Lou, in a fiery head-to-head competition against BOBBY MOCCIO, rifled a 365 in just

defeating Bob (358).

Bobby no longer takes a back seat to brother AL the fearsome one but on this night, St. Lou showed why they were the 1982-83 Tri-Parish champs.

Fordham moved into sixth place with a four-game sweep over faltering St. Michael's. JOE CALABRAISE, subbing for VENETTA SNYDER, rolled a 264 to get the evening off right for Fordham and RON HAMEL came back from last week's poor shooting to roll a solid 293 in defeating STELLA BARBIERI (272). Also winning for Fordham was STEP STEPANIAN (279).

Because the St. Lou-BC affair caught all the limelight, the family-grudge match between ANN & MIKE O'CONNELL, the captains of Fordham and St. Mike's respectively, was overshadowed.

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But Ann cast no doubt on who was the better bowler this night as she completely wiped out her spouse, 302-259. The "choke" removed St. Mike's from third place and put them into the middle of the pack.

An ever-improving Notre Dame squad split with Holy Cross; two wins apiece in another feature match of this truly impressive night of competition. ND has moved all the way up the ladder into third place with 15 wins, six games off the BC pace and three games behind second place HC.

HC would have liked another victory or two this night because of the St. Lou sweep of BC, but JOHN RESCIGNO'S resurgent crew was relentless, as they have been in recent weeks.

RICHIE SNYDER of ND helped tremendously with a clutch 319 in easily downing DANA MARQUIS (279). JANICE MOCCIO of ND nipped JIM CLIFFORD (284-269) but TOM GEAUGHAN of HC barely snuck past ESTHER DEPALO (280-274). What completely saved HC from disaster was substitute striker MARK POIRIER who subbed for JOHN "The Braggard" CHEKOVSKY, the HC captain.

Mark pasted a whopping 384 pins to totally destroy ND captain Rescigno (278), who is suffering from a bad arm. Still, it was a good night for ND.

Another first round cellar-dweller who is back on the beam is the Lordly Barber, FRANK RESCIGNO and his Villanova club. They took three wins from disappointing Georgetown to move into 5th place with 14 wins while Georgetown fell into 10th place with 12 wins.

DORIS KRZYKOWSKI (242), KATHY CARVILL, kid sister of AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO, the besieged Georgetown leader, (284) and JEAN BUONICONTI (301) all won for Villanova. The Lordly Barber of Collegian Court Hair Styling, now sniffing his bottles of hair spray each week for good luck, just crept past a visibly angry Moccio, 307-305 in a truly competitive match-up.

Also back on the beam is Catholic University, the runner-up in the First Round. They rolled past 11th place St. Mary's, three wins to one to move into 4th place with 15 wins.

Winners for CU were MIKE O'CONNELL JR., (296) a new team member who is taken over for an ill JOE RESCIGNO, and JIM SNYDER (311). St. Mary's winners were ROSE MERCADANTE (245) and MAYBETH COUGHLIN (288).

In a match between the league's lower combatants, 9th place St. Anselm's took 2½ wins to last place Loyola 1½ wins. Winners for St. A's were KAREN DANNER (subbing for PAULINE BARBIERI, 286) and SCOTT DANNER (307). Loyola winners were captain EDDIE ANDERSON (340) and league mercenary TONY DEPALO (293).

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786-7443**Agawam Wrestlers Stun Tech**By Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Writer

The Agawam High wrestling team raised its unblemished record to 5-0 with a remarkable 25-22 upset victory over highly-ranked Springfield Tech this past Saturday, January 14th.

This was only the second time in ten years the Brownies were able to get the best of the Tech Tigers. In a bizarre string of events, the locals were able to claim the victory despite winning just five of the 12 weight classes.

The big difference that determined the outcome was Agawam didn't forfeit any matches and none of their matmen got pinned.

"I think the win surprised all of us. It's highly unlikely that a team can win when they have won fewer weight classes than the other team," said an elated Phil Tomkiel, the Agawam coach.

"I guess it's now obvious such a thing can happen. I'm extremely pleased with the win. Beating Tech has not been one of our fortes," he added.

Probably the highlight of the match (and a major turning point) was senior strongman Frank Bowrys' 9-5 loss to rival Ken Huddleston.

Bowrys, going into the match with two sprained fingers, suffered a severe stomach bruise, but continued battling it out despite the pain. Tomkiel had given his star senior the option of wrestling or sitting this one out.

"Frank certainly showed a lot of guts out there. Some wrestlers may have given up but he knew how important it was for him not to forfeit or get pinned," explained Tomkiel. "If he had done either one of these, the match would've ended up a tie."

Tomkiel and his crew felt all along they had a chance to beat Tech. Several surprises, however, that weren't expected, considerably solidified Agawam's chances.

The biggest shocker for Agawam came from junior varsity grappler Bill Landry, who subbed for an injured Nick Ditomasi in the 147-pound category.

Landry dominated his match, coming on strong to have a 10-0 lead at the end of six minutes of grueling action.

Two frosh, Carter Bowrys and Jim Frasco, were especially impressive as their wins helped them keep the match tight.

Carter won a decisive 9-2 dual to claim the 114-pound class. According to Tomkiel, "that was an excellent win."

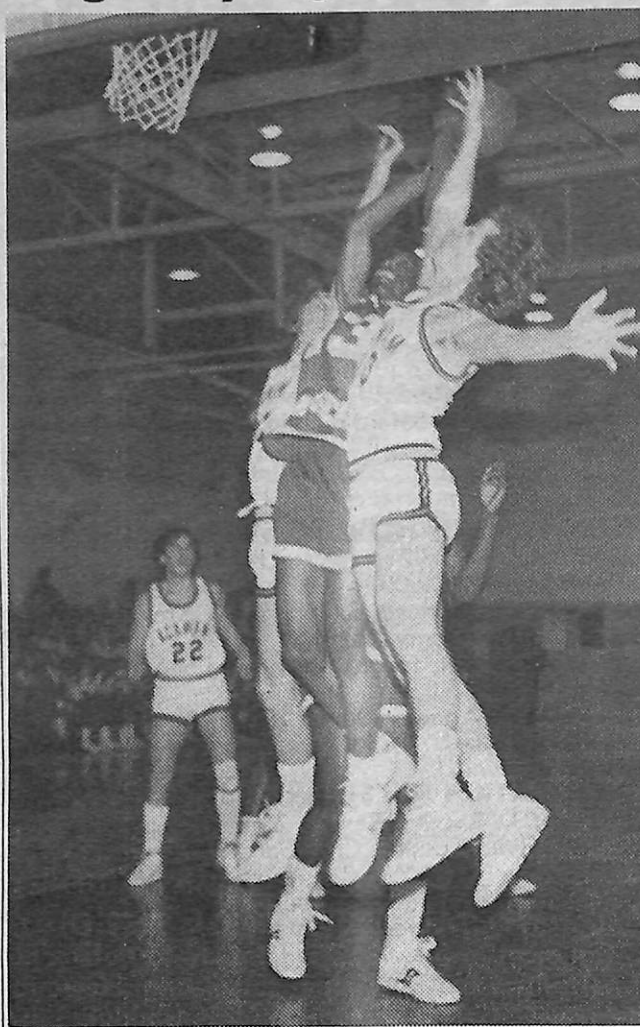
Frasco battled his opponent for two periods before taking control of the match with a critical pin in the third period.

Jay's brother, Jim Frasco enjoyed his win from the sidelines as Tech forfeited in the 121-pound class.

Seniors Ron Weiners (187) and Darrin Coppel (169) fell victim to their opponents as Tech pulled ahead for the first time in the heated contest, 22-19.

Once again, heavyweight Al Ingham, the hero of a close win over East Longmeadow last week, was in the position of clinching an Agawam victory.

Ingham needed at least four points to seal it for the Brownies but he did one better; he pinned his opponent in the third period after leading 12-0.

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SEE RELATED STORY, PHOTO ON PAGE 27...Agawam's Scott Cofer fights off a Classical High forward during schoolboy hoop action last Friday night at Agawam High School. Cofer has just returned to the lineup after being out for nearly 8 weeks. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Dick Brooks Brings New Life To Riverside Speedway

Riverside Park Speedway has just completed one of its best seasons ever in the Nascar Winston Racing Series. A team effort is a good reason for a part of that success.

Riverside was fortunate to have one of racing's most respected flagmen to be a part of that team in 1983. Dick Brooks brought new life to Riverside's race program from the starter's stand at the park. Dick Brooks and Billy Dunn run the race program from the start/finish line.

Brooks, from New London, Connecticut, began his experience as a starter at the New London Waterford Speedbowl before moving to Thompson. He has become popular with the competitors and respected for not only his knowledge of the sport, but due to the reputation that he has in not allowing any program under his direction to get out of hand. "I am on the starter's stand to do a job. I mean business. If a competitor doesn't understand that I will ask him to leave," said the experienced Brooks.

Dick also rates high with more than one car owner, as he has the ability to act quickly when he sees a race car in trouble. He knows that a quick caution will often save equipment. "I know that fans don't like a lot of cautions, but I don't think I overdo the cautions. My job is to act as quickly as possible."

The experienced Brooks has nothing but good things to say about Riverside after competing through the 1983 season. "Riverside management treats you like a king. I have worked at a lot of tracks but I really enjoy the Park," said Dick. Dick will also once again be the official starter at Thompson.

Gene Murphy is fast rounding out his team of officials for the 1984 season. The season opens on Saturday, March 31st with a fifty lap Nascar event for the Nascar Modifieds. First will pay \$1000, second \$750 and third \$560. One hundred and five dollars is offered for any car starting the event.

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YOUTH GYMNASTIC'S PROGRAM

SESSION: January 21st to March 31st (11 weeks)
TIME: Saturdays, 9 to 9:45 a.m. (beginners 4 and 5 years old); 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. (beginners 6 years and older); 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (intermediate any age); 11:15 to noon (advanced any age).

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School.
REGISTRATION: Parks & Recreation Office (Town Hall Annex)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 per child (NO REFUNDS).
PROGRAM INSTRUCTORS: Carmella Marzano, Laura Bruso, Lisa Duffus, Dan Maruszczak.

Classes are limited to 30 per class on a first come, first serve basis. Release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian before a child may be able to participate.

Please note: There is an extra date in this program in case of a cancellation due to bad weather!

YOUTH LEARN HOW TO SWIM PROGRAM

SESSION: January 21st to March 31st (11 weeks).
TIME: Saturdays 9:00 to 9:50 a.m. (polywog, beginner, tadpole, advanced beginner); 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. (minnow, intermediate); 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. (polywog, beginner, tadpole, advanced beginner, fish, advanced).

LOCATION: Agawam Junior High School pool.
REGISTRATION: Parks and Recreation Office (Town Hall Annex).

REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 per child (NO REFUNDS).
INSTRUCTORS: Dee Berkey, Claudine Talbot, Paul Talbot, Virginia Cassidy, Chris Sanchez.

This is a certified Y.M.C.A. program. If your child wishes to continue into competitive swimming, the A.A.A. has a swim team. Each one hour session is limited to 25 students. Release forms must be signed by a parent or guardian before a child may be able to participate.

Please note: There is an extra date in this program in case of a cancellation due to bad weather!

YOUTH BATON INSTRUCTION

Youth Baton Instruction will be held for Agawam youths at three locations.

SESSION: January 11th to March 8th (8 weeks).

Jim Libby Veteran Pro Stock Driver At Riverside

Now it is history. Then it was the closest point race of the season. Going into the final event of the 1983 season at Riverside Park Speedway, Pro Stock driver Jim Libby of Auburn, Mass. had a thirteen point advantage. At the end of the event after leading for 49 laps, Libby had lost the title to Fran Colson and his dreams of a title.

Jim Libby, the 1982 Thompson Pro Stock Champion, winner of the last two World Series and winner of the

LOCATION: Granger - Wednesdays, January 11th to March 7th, 2:10 to 2:55 p.m.; Phelps, Wednesdays, January 11th to March 7th, 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.; Robinson, Thursdays, January 12th to March 8th, 2:40 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.

REGISTRATION: At your school at the first class.
REGISTRATION FEE: \$10 per child (NO REFUNDS).
PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR: Nancy Decosmo Locke & staff.

Please note: No class during February vacation. Further information will be sent home through the schools.

AGAWAM/WEST SPRINGFIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The Agawam and West Springfield Hockey Associations have joined together. Games will be played week nights and weekends at the Springfield Olympia, Cyr Arena, Holyoke, Enfield Twin Rinks, and Springfield Civic Center. For further information, contact Barbara Wright at 734-3521.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL

All basketball teams will begin play in January at the Agawam Senior and Junior High schools every Saturday and Sunday beginning at 12 noon. Boys leagues will be 8-10, 10-12, and 13-15 while the girls leagues will be 8-10 and 11-13.

OPEN GYM-AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL
SESSION: January 23rd to March 26th (9 weeks). No class on February 20, 1984.

TIME: Mondays, 8 to 10 p.m.
LOCATION: Agawam High School gym.
REGISTRATION: Not required.
REGISTRATION FEE: \$2.00 per person (Pay supervisor at the door).

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SWIM TEAM (PIRANHAS)

This is a competitive swim team which competes with the best teams in the area. The Piranhas' home meets are at the Junior High School pool on January 14th and 21st. These meets begin at 12:30 p.m. and run until 5 p.m.

Icebreaker is a veteran competitor in the Pro Stocks at Riverside. For the past two years he has made money in Pro Stock racing with a race car that he values at \$5,000.

"A lot of people think that we are high dollar racers," said Jim, a bodyman by trade. "Actually we just do our homework and work with the basics." The basics have proven themselves for Libby with two feature event wins this season. Jim also led 60% of the events he competed in at Riverside.

Libby started his racing career as an owner, at the age of 15 at Westboro Speedway. Then under the promotion of United Libby's cars were driven by Jim Ryan and Lew Boyd. At the age of 20 he started his driving career in the Dan Morrison Monte-Carlo. In his second season with the novice car he had several top finishes and a second in position.

For 1982, Jim teamed with Paul Caruso and Steve Gariepy to build his first Pro Stock Camaro, a car he competed with in 1983. In the up and coming season, Libby is again in search of a championship at Riverside. Libby has already started fabricating a new Pro Stock, that is powered by Creb Small Block. The familiar number 115 will still be in search of a sponsor.

When asked his thoughts on the Pros, Libby answered, "The division is very competitive. I have to give Mr. Carroll credit for investing in the future of auto racing. These cars are the future. Just look at what the rest of the country is running."

Libby is a determined, dedicated independent who hopes someday to move to the Northern Nascar Tour.

For additional information on the Pros, rules, payoffs, etc., write Riverside Pro-Stocks '84, Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001.



SPORTMAN'S CORNER

By Bill Chiba

Protecting The Striped Bass

Stripers Unlimited has petitioned the Secretary of Commerce for endangered species status for large breeders of the Chesapeake Bay strain of striped bass, and threatened status for smaller stripers.

The SU petition cites apparent genetic changes in the Chesapeake Bay population, environmental deterioration in the breeding habitat, poor recruitment and over-fishing as reasons for protecting this important food and game fish.

Earlier efforts by SU to have the Chesapeake Bay strain of striped bass placed on the endangered species list, one in 1975 and one in 1982, were unsuccessful. If the current petition is allowed, all Chesapeake Bay striped bass of 50 pounds or more would be protected. Those under 50 pounds could come under federal management.

According to SU's executive director Bob Pond, observations by SU personnel show that there have been apparent genetic changes in the striped bass embryos in the past decade, changes adversely affecting the viability of the eggs and larval fish. Since the fish spawned prior to 1958 do not seem to carry this genetic damage, SU wants them protected.

The Chesapeake Bay strain produces a unique, buoyant egg that is spawned on the tideline where the fresh and saltwater meet in slowly flowing rivers. Eggs produced by the Carolina and Hudson River strains are heavier and are spawned in fast flowing fresh water stretches of rivers.

Observations By Biologists Change

Stripers Unlimited has observed and photographed a lack of utilization of the oil in the oil globule in the Chesapeake Bay striped bass embryos. This is a major change from studies done in previous years (1955-58) by biologist Mansueti. Other observations include weak tissues resulting in the stretching and tearing of the yolk membrane and in the leaching of yolk material into the chorion, abnormal development of cells, early chorion rupture, lack of mobility in the fry and non-inflation of swim bladders.

While researchers are working to learn the reason for the striped bass decline, Pond claims no meaningful research is being done on the early life stages of the eggs and larvae.

Pond first observed problems in the eggs more than a decade ago and warned that problems with the east coast striped bass fishery were inevitable. Statistics show that recruitment has diminished drastically over the past decade, bearing out this prediction. SU's claims are extensively documented.

Red Flag Being Waved

The red flag is being waved by concerned groups depicting the status of the endangered species of wildlife. These groups are so strong that they were able to get a law passed allowing the income taxpayer to donate a part of his taxes to the endangered species fund. I say good and well done.

However, I am perplexed as to why these groups kept their hands in their pockets these past 100 years and berating the sound management of the un-endangered species of our wildlife.

Specifically, hunting which is the basic sound tool of good management of our wildlife. The increased populations of the un-endangered species is proof that our wildlife management is successful. For example, at the turn of the century there were only 500,000 whitetail deer; at present, 12,000,000; then 1,110,000 Canadian geese; now 2,320,000; Trumpeter swans, then 73 and now 900; wild turkey, then 650,000; and now 2,000,000 and antelope only 12,000 then and 500,000 now.

These are only a few of the un-endangered species that have benefited from good management. The billions of dollars have come from American Sportsmen through fees and taxes they pay on their equipment for management of our wildlife.

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"Al once again came through for us. Against East Longmeadow it was his pin that sealed it for us. He has been wrestling very well in every match, especially against superb competition from tough city schools," Tomkeil noted.

One statistic that keeps Agawam's win column growing is that no varsity member has been pinned in a dual meet all season.

After the Brownies' terrific win over previously undefeated Tech, the competition continues to sizzle. At press time, they'll face a good Longmeadow club.

But on Friday afternoon, January 20th, Agawam will square off against Division I power Classical on the Bulldogs' home mats. A win here would prime the Brownies for upcoming matches with undefeated Putnam and Cathedral.

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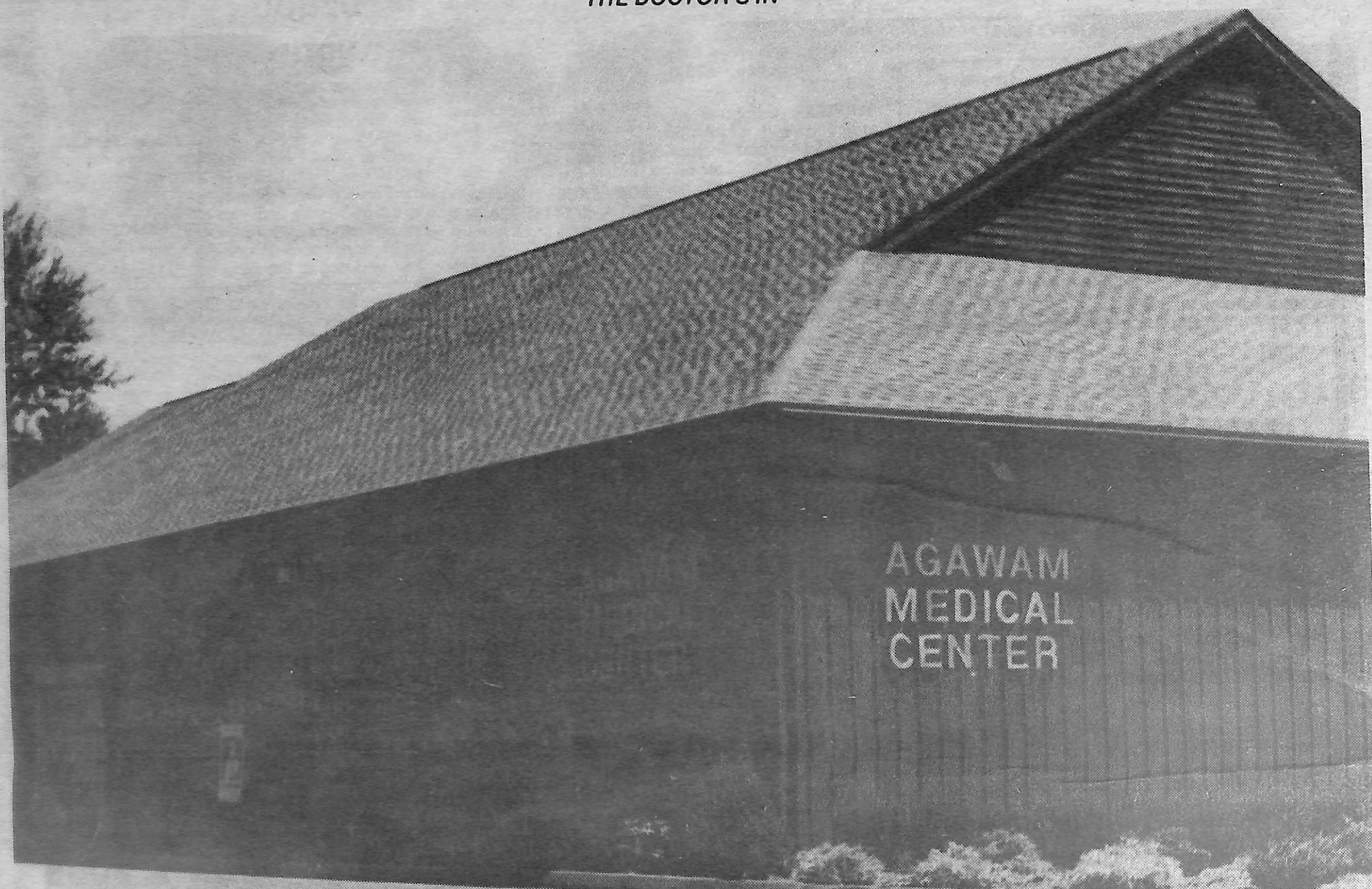
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